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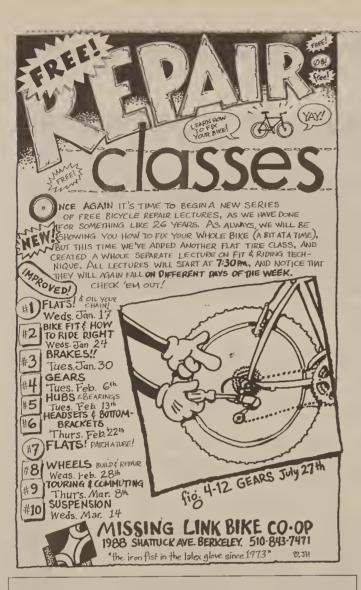
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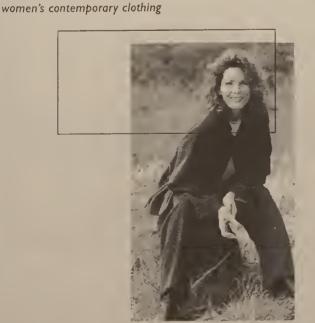
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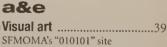
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ou could tell it was a new era at City Hall from a few feet outside the office of newly inaugurated supervisor Matt Gonzalez, who had installed a set of turntables and some nice speakers and was playing loud dance music for the people who had come to his open house.

The hall outside of the new supes' offices was remarkably festive Monday afternoon, full of people wandering back and forth between the offices of the first district-elected supervisors in two decades. And for once, the lobbies weren't full of downtown lobbyists.

In fact, almost all of the people I saw were activists of one sort or another, the type of people who have been closed out of much of what has gone on in City Hall for quite a few years. The overall feeling was, well, democratic: the new supes seemed to be spending their time talking to people who had volunteered on campaigns, or who were fighting for issues, or who care about their neighborhoods - not developers who had big projects lined up or lawyers for companies with multimillion-dollar city contracts.

Oddly enough, the only person I saw who qualified as a major campaign contributor was Clint Reilly, the former political consultant and onetime candidate for mayor. Reilly (who has done his share of highpriced lobbying and has promoted a lot of corrupt and sleazy politicians over the years) noticed the difference

"You know," he told me, with a sort of penitent look, "I've worked with so many candidates over the years who just weren't real, who I was propping up and putting through the motions. And you look around at this group, and they're real people with real constituencies and issues."

And now that the parties are all over, they're going to be dealing with some very real problems.

The economy is slowing down. There isn't going to be enough money to do everything the new supes want to do. There are thousands of district constituents who suddenly have someone to call any time they have any problem with anything in the city and the supes don't have enough staff. And the city's still going to hell.

But for once, at least I feel like the real people have a chance.

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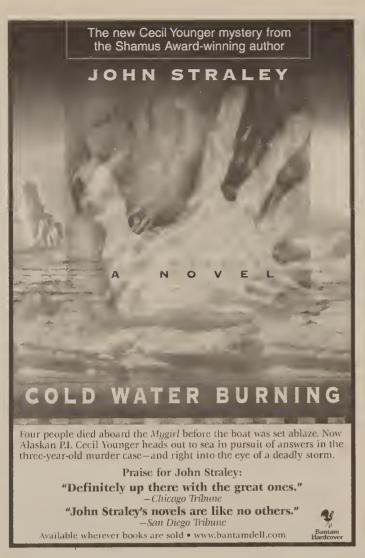
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# the editor

### Where's the black agenda?

Although I sincerely hope to be proved wrong, I fear that the fall 2000 elections in San Francisco will be regarded historically as the time when the "progressive" movement became conclusively shorn of any pretense of relevance to the concerns of black people. This comes as quite a shock to me, believing as I once did that "progressivism" was a political philosophy occupying a place on the political spectrum somewhere between traditional liberalism and doctrinaire leftism. Although those two philosophies differed in tactics, they shared in common as one of their foundational goals the amelioration of the effects of centuries of slavery and decades of legalized discrimination on black Americans.

Now, here we are at the turn of another century, and we have an emerging "progressive" movement that, by way of Ralph Nader, gave back the executive branch of the federal government to conservative Republicans and that has come to power in San Francisco, upsetting a traditional liberal, Democraticmachine power structure headed by a black mayor. In all of the Bay Guardian's cheerleading of this movement, I have seen not one expression of the least bit of concern about whether this progressive movement will be either helpful or harmful to black people.

Even more disturbing is the fact that in the Bay Guardian's 10-point plan, there is not even a single mention of any of the elements of the century-old core of the left-wing platform: jobs, housing, education, and economic opportunity for African Americans.

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The saddest thing is that I can safely predict that now that progressivism is safely shorn from its connection to the real needs and concerns of black people, it has a short path to follow in becoming a potent national force.

D. Malcolm Carson Oakland

### How 1987

As a gay guy, I was a bit puzzled by your cover story "Guerrilla Queer Bar" [12/13/00]. Let me see if I'm getting this, er, straight: a bunch of queens who find Castro culture "oppressive" invade a tacky bastion of heterosexuality and behave like ... a bunch of queens. Wow. How 1987. That'll really send a message to the boys at the Midnight Sun.

Gay culture in this town is indeed oppressive, but it is run by said queens, who are in effect protesting their own behavior by indulging in more of it. To truly make a difference, why not create something antithetical to that culture, rather than simply transferring the usual silly campiness and drag to another venue?

Mike Schaefer San Francisco

### The CoCo Club's promises

Trish Moran didn't inherit her alcohol and club permits - they can't be "inherited" ["CoCo No More," 12/13/00]. She applied, had background checks, a formal hearing, then signed and swore to very specific restrictions.

She'd have stayed open if she just started keeping her sworn promises. But she invaded our residential neighborhood of working people and immigrant families. Eventually folks got frustrated and were forced to give up and move or change their lives drastically. One family all slept together in a back room to escape the nightly onslaught. (Note to other neighborhoods attacked by crooks: call the cops, but meet them and sign written complaints. Keep doing it.)

I myself was plain gullible: never complaining, presuming she was legit. Sheer chance revealed the truth, and I dug in. Yet she still could've changed her ways and stayed! Instead, she bombarded us with creepy, rambling "letters" bragging how her sainted "benefit events" proved her a great gift to us yokels - and kept the noise pounding.

Moran's last night exemplifies her true contempt for the area; booking not one, not two, but four rock bands, cranking up the volume and evidently smirking, "Fuck everyone around here! It's my last night, and I'll do whatever the fuck I want!"

The cops shut her down at 10:30. (Let's hope she lost tons of bucks - and many times more on all her lawyers.)

So am I homophobic, as charged? Well, it'd be hard to produce and direct live music, film, TV - even musical theater, for Christ damn sake! - as I have for 20-plus years, if I were, doncha think? ...

And now? The new owner of the space knows we'll not be ripped off again.

Coco patrons? There's obviously a market — start yourselves a legal club. Go for it!

Trish Moran and her mopsy little pals can still do "benefits" -- how about a car wash or bake sale? To sate their pathetic "we wanna be in showbiz" affectations, why not a soap opera fan club? You know

- things they might accomplish without inflicting their puerile delusions on the rest

of us. Take back the neighborhoods!

Michael Koppy San Francisco

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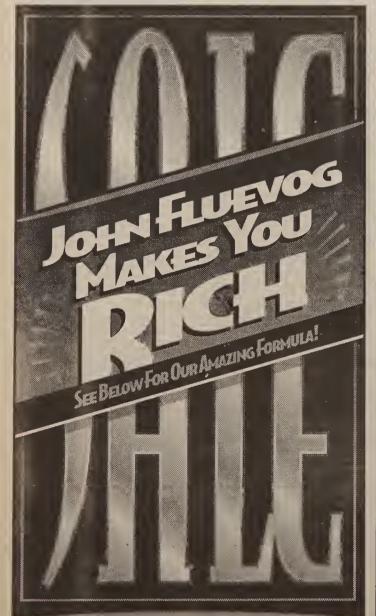
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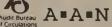
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# California held hostage

he current war over electricity is a war over the future of California.

The Confederate cartel of Southern, Enron, and Reliant is holding California for ransom and looting it dry. There's no doubt Pacific Gas and Electric will try again to push through a huge percentage rate increase - larger than the 10 percent (on average) granted by the California Public Utilities Commission this week. And the bounty will go to holding companies in Texas and the Carolinas, giving them more cash to buy out PG&E Corporation and Edison International.

Attorney Jason Zeller, testifying for the normally mild-mannered Office of Ratepayer Advocates, told the commission Dec. 29 that "this enormous transfer of wealth ... [is] ... the kind of thing that nations have gone to war over."

Is the threat of a confederate takeover of our energy future for real? Look what has happened to California's biggest bank and biggest telephone company in the past five years: the Bank of America is now owned by a bank holding company based in North Carolina, and Pacific Bell is now owned by SBC Communications Inc. out of Dallas.

John Bryson, CEO of Edison International, the holding company that owns Southern California Edison, has said that in 10 years there will be only 10 energy conglomerates left standing worldwide, and naturally he hoped Edison would be one of them. His own holding company has siphoned off more than \$5 billion from its regulated utility's ratepayers to sate its imperial ambitions in Mexico, England, Australia, and Indonesia.

Lacking a public power agenda, Gov. Gray Davis will have no credible alternative to caving in to PG&E and Edison and the out-of-state generators — as all governors and all legislatures have done in the past. To escape this bind, he should take lessons from Franklin D. Roosevelt.

As governor of New York, FDR noticed that electricity cost \$19.50 for a typical 250-kilowatthour bill in Albany but only \$2.79 across the border in Ontario. So he created the New York State Power Authority — along the lines of publicly owned Ontario Hydro — to reduce the disparity.

As president, Roosevelt went on to pass the Public Utilities Holding Company Act, which is still our sturdiest bulwark against the depredations of the power cartel, and to create the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Rural Electrification Administration, which brought electricity to vast regions the private utilities had refused

To this day, public ownership means lower rates. This December, a typical PG&E residential customer paid \$54.52 for 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity, compared to \$36.89 for a Sacramento Municipal Utilities District customer. Average electric bills in San Diego for 500 kilowatt-hours almost tripled under deregulation - from \$51.60 in August 1999 to \$138.50 in August 2000. By comparison, electric bills of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power stayed stable at just over \$50 for the same months. And LADWP was even talking about lowering rates in 2001.

How should Davis deal with this blackmail by the Confederate cartel and its local allies?

He should have his staff draft a law that reregulates everyone and requires all generators (including PG&E and Edison) to impose tariffs. These generators should be allowed 10 percent on their investment, as they were in the days before dereg-

He should file a bill for an excess-profits tax to get the money back, as Prime Minister Tony Blair did against the gouging English generators in the

He should remove the barriers to the creation of publicly owned electricity systems.

He should create a California Power Authority with the authority to issue bonds to buy out the systems for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity.

Time is of the essence. Gov. Davis should act now, even if he must go against his natural caution and previous indoctrination in the wonders of the free market. Just as war is too important to leave to the generals, electricity is too important to turn over to the Confederate cartel. \*

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## **Break the PG&E contracts**

ayor Willie Brown has had it easy: The roaring economy, a vast number of real estate transfers, and high property values have poured cash into San Francisco's municipal coffers. Under Brown the city budget has increased by more than \$1 billion; he's hired more than 3,000 new city employees.

But those days are over. The dot-com economy is slowing down, fast, and it's entirely possible that the nation — and the city — will be heading into a recession this spring. So the last thing the city can afford is any sort of contract that's costing millions of dollars - and from which the city is getting nothing.

But that's exactly the sort of deal San Francisco has with Pacific Gas and Electric and the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts. The city controller estimates that the city will lose \$17 million this fiscal year on contracts to sell the two districts electric power. The new supervisors should move immediately to stop the hemorrhaging.

Under long-term contracts signed back in 1988 (and lasting until 2015) - contracts designed to dispose of the city's public power and protect PG&E's illegal monopoly — the city sells most of its Hetch Hetchy power to the Central Valley districts and pays PG&E to "wheel" the power there over its transmission lines.

And since it's been a dry winter so far, there isn't much water in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir, so power generation from the dam is down. That means the city has to buy power from PG&E - at hugely inflated rates - and sell it to Turlock and Modesto at way-below-market prices.

The contracts with PG&E and Turlock and Modesto that allow this should never have been signed in the first place. Negotiated in secret by then-mayor Dianne Feinstein and the staff of the city's Public Utilities Commission (see "The Secrets of Feinstein's biggest sellout," 2/17/88) and rammed through the Board of Supervisors with a high-powered PG&E lobbying effort (see "PG&E 8, S.F. 2," 2/24/88, and "Anatomy of a Scandal," 3/30/88), the contracts have already cost San Francisco hundreds of millions of dollars.

But hidden in the language of the contracts is an

escape clause (promoted at the time by the Bay Guardian) — one that the supervisors can, and should, invoke right now to begin the process of renegotiating or, if necessary, voiding the deals.

The contract with PG&E states that "if the city implements municipalization, either by voter approval or approval of the Board of Supervisors, or otherwise engages in sales to PG&E's retail customers ...," the city has the option of renegotiating the deal. If a new agreement can't be reached in six months, the city can unilaterally terminate the contract. The Turlock and Modesto contracts have a

So both deals explicitly recognize the idea that San Francisco may want to run its own public power system - something that is almost certain to be on the November ballot. Since a clear majority of the new board supports public power, and since the energy crisis has given the move to create a municipal utility district tremendous momentum, the city should start moving now to amend the PG&E and Turlock and Modesto contracts.

City Attorney Louise Renne was involved in negotiating the deals, and she isn't likely to try to undo them by herself. In fact, she'll almost certainly try to block any such move. But this board needs to remind Renne that she represents the people of San Francisco, not PG&E.

The board should pass a resolution directing Renne to immediately notify PG&E and Turlock and Modesto that the city is actively moving toward public power, and that it is the intent of the city to begin renegotiating the contracts.

And this time the board should make sure the negotiations are done properly: The Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee should hold hearings on the deals, and a representative of that committee should be involved in the negotiations as the board's liaison. The committee should provide regular public updates on the status of the talks and should make draft agreements public well before they're slated to be approved.

There's big money here - money that will make the job of preparing the 2001 budget a lot less ugly. The board needs to go after it with all possible dispatch. \*

# Secret price gouging

private utility companies love secrecy. Secrecy allowed PG&E to cut a lucrative deal with then-San Francisco mayor Dianne Feinstein in 1987 (see above editorial) that gave the company millions of dollars a year in public money. And secrecy is one of the reasons that the deregulated energy market has been so bad for consumers.

The San Francisco Chronicle (which has lagged far behind other big papers, such as the Los Angeles Times, in covering the energy crisis) actually ran a worthwhile story Jan. 7: a front-page piece that exposed how the electricity auctions that determine the price of power in California are conducted entirely in secret. That creates a major problem: without public scrutiny, it's relatively easy for the power dealers to collude to drive up prices. And while that hasn't been conclusively proven in California, there's plenty of evidence to suggest that it's going on.

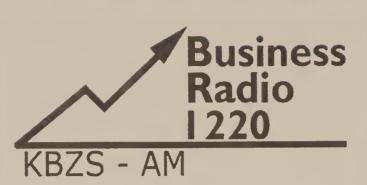
Although the Chron didn't mention it, the San Jose Mercury News sued not long ago to force open the meetings and records of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, the two agencies that oversee the auctions and the power grid. The Sacramento Superior Court ruled that neither agency is subject to the state's

open-government laws.

So it's up to the state legislature to amend the laws governing those two bodies. The meetings of the Cal-ISO and CalPX boards should clearly be open — and there's no credible reason why the bidding records can't be made available to the public in a timely fashion without revealing any trade secrets or damaging the allegedly competitive nature of the bidding.

Bids for power are placed every hour, all day long; the contracts are closed, and power is used almost immediately after the auctions. The state should mandate that the information be released shortly after the auctions close, or at the latest the next day, so the public can determine whether there's price gouging or collusion. (The major stock exchanges all make public the latest sales the minute the auctions close, and somehow, free-market capitalism seems to be able to survive that degree of disclosure.)

San Francisco's state legislators all supported deregulation and are in part responsible for this mess. They should now push for immediate, emergency legislation to fully open the Cal-ISO and CalPX as a first step toward public control of the power grid. ❖



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## Alternative Inc.

National New Times chain adds East Bay Express to its empire; Metro chain snaps up Urbanview

By Tali Woodward

Community journalism may soon be an endangered species in the East Bay. Accelerating the nationwide concentration of ownership in the alternative press, two homegrown alternative weeklies there are being taken over by fast-growing chains.

Berkeley's East Bay Express, respected for its in-depth feature stories and its focus on East Bay politics and community news. will soon be purchased by New Times Inc., which owns the SF Weekly and 12 other papers across the country. And Metro Newspapers, which publishes Silicon Valley's Metro, Metro Santa Cruz, and Northern California Bohemian, will gain a controlling interest in Oakland-based Urhanview Feb. 1.

In a Jan. 4 memo to New Times staff, New Times CEO Jim Larkin wrote that the company intends to buy the Express Publishing Company. According to an industry source, the purchase price is approximately \$7 million. Phoenix-based New Times is the largest owner of alternative newsweeklies in the United States. (Stern Publishing, owner of the Village Voice, ranks second, with seven papers in

"We all feel like we've been diagnosed with tumors," one source inside the Express told us. "Our independence is a cherished thing; it is critical to our identities. None of us want to be company men. None of us want to be taking orders from Phoenix."

In addition to its Bay Area holdings, the New Times company owns papers in major cities across the United States: Los Angeles, Denver, Miami, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Broward-Palm Beach, Fla., Cleveland, St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo.

The actual sale has not occurred, and I think it's premature to comment until it does," said Express editor and publisher John Raeside, who cofounded the paper in 1978 with help from the founders of the Chicago Reader. But he confirmed that the deal will go through in a matter of weeks. One source told us Raeside has a fouryear contract to stay at the Express but is likely to leave within six months.

Jane Levine, publisher of the Chicago Reader and executive vice president of its parent company (which still owns a controlling interest in the Express), told us that the firm agreed to the sale because "it was a great offer, and John was very supportive."

The \$7 million sale price is roughly

double the Express's \$3 million-plus annual revenue, our industry source told us. Typically, a metro weekly in a competitive market fetches closer to one and a half times the paper's revenue.

Express staffers didn't learn of the deal until Jan. 5, when they were assembled for a morning meeting. At the meeting Raeside said he'll be staying on indefinitely and will continue making the paper's editorial decisions, according to staffers. He later told us, "Staff and editorial management will remain intact."

But staffers weren't so confident after their afternoon meeting with Larkin and New Times executive editor Michael Lacey. "They showed up and were really cocky and made a lot of the employees nervous," one employee told us.

While Lacey is quoted in the press release as saying he has "admired" Raeside's work over the years, New Times papers across the country are known for an enWhen New Times comes to town

ew Times is a company on the move, with a huge appetite. After its 1970 launch in Phoenix, Ariz., the firm snapped up its second newspaper property, Denver's Westword, 13 years later. Since then the company has taken over independent papers like the SF Weekly, Cleveland's Scene, and the Dallas Dbserver.

Every paper that has been sold into the New Times empire has been thoroughly revamped to fit the company mold: a sensationalistic cover story, a couple of newsy columns, and several art and music reviews, all packaged the same way nationwide, all the way down to the type font. The company has a history of replacing local content with chain columns and features.

New Times papers also typically neglect community events and promotions, distancing themselves from local politics and culture.

Many East Bay Express staffers and readers told us that they hope it doesn't happen here — and they're comforted by editor John Raeside's assurances that it won't. But one industry veteran told us, "Anyone who thinks they're not going to fire people and reorganize the paper is being naive."

According to employees who have witnessed New Times takeovers, the company's first move is to cut ties with local freelancers. Sometimes the staff writers don't stick around for long either. When New Times took over the SF Weekly in 1995, only a couple of staffers kept their jobs; nearly all of the others were fired. And at Kansas City's Pitch Weekly only two of the paper's editorial staffers remain from the days before its 1999 sale to New Times.

In some cities, New Times has bought existing papers only to shut them-down. Before turning the Los Angeles Reader into New Times Los Angeles, the company purchased and then closed a nearby competitor, Los Angeles View. And last September New Times outbid two other companies to buy a Dallas arts and entertainment magazine called the Met. All of its employees were immediately fired, and phone calls were rerouted to the Dallas Observer. New Times CEO Jim Larkin downplayed the company's role in the closure of the Met. He was quoted in the newsletter of the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies as saying, "We bought some [newspaper] racks. It's not that big of a deal."

Just weeks earlier the company had snatched up the nearby Fort Worth Weekly, gaining full control of the two-city market. Christy Hughes-Babb, who was the Met's man-

aging editor, told us, "I've seen little efforts to start [papers] up, but it's very difficult."



tirely different approach to journalism (see "When New Times Comes to Town").

New Times papers often take a dismissive approach to community politics. The SF Weekly once quoted Lacey as saying, "If it is political, we are against it, meaning that we are skeptical of political movements and politicians." Indeed, New Times has a policy of not doing political endorsements or publishing editorials. While the Express doesn't make formal endorsements, it has long published thorough opinionated guides to state and local elections.

When New Times papers do get political, the message is pointedly libertarian. The SF Weekly, for example, recently ran a cover story outlining its "Case Against Rent Control." Another story bashed attempts to rein in rampant development.

Andrea Buffa, executive director of Media Alliance, called the sale "tragic." The Express, she said, is "a community institution; its reporters have great relationships with local sources and always report on issues important to the community."

If the Express follows the New Times model, that local emphasis may disappear, meaning little reporting on the machinations of city politics, the activities of community groups, or the daily struggles of average citizens. As Buffa put it, "How strong a community awareness can a paper have when its headquarters is hundreds of miles away?'

Bay Guardian editor and publisher Bruce B. Brugmann said, "Sooner or later the Express is likely to become a carbon copy of the other New Times papers: Phoenix-on-the-rocks with a sprig of free market/deregulation/anti-rent control/ pro-chain libertarianism."

Longtime KPFA host and Express contributor Larry Bensky added, "The editorial principles that have guided the Express through the 15 years I've been writing for them would seem to have very little to do with the editorial principles of New Times. I'd expect a radical degradation in quality to the level of the SF Weekly?

"I'm not going to write for a paper like that," he concluded.

When we called SF Weekly editor John Mecklin to ask if the Express might eventually be combined with the SF Weekly, he didn't want to talk. "I have nothing to do with it," Mecklin said. "I don't even know about it. Larkin and Lacey do this stuff."

Dan Pulcrano, CEO of Metro Newspapers, which will soon control Urbanview, said he isn't frightened by New Times. "They're a national chain, and we're a local group, so our foci are different," he told us. "We're concerned with the local community."

Pulcrano wouldn't provide purchase price figures.

Urbanview, which put out its first issue in March 1999, recently moved from a biweekly to a weekly publication, with a circulation of 22,000. Pulcrano said that Metro has been working with the staff at Urbanview to make some content changes over the past few months and that they don't plan another overhaul.

"Oakland's hot right now," he added. 💠

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### **Old times**

### Remembering the pre-New Times days at the East Bay Express

By J.H. Tompkins

I wrote my first cover story for the East Bay Express in April 1986, about the antiapartheid riots at UC Berkeley. When I saw it peeking through the window of an Express newspaper rack that week, I was so happy I shouted out loud. Back then, if you were a young writer living in the East Bay, you had to be in the Express. It had a great crew of editors - including John

Raeside, Rob Hurwitt, Brady Kahn, Mike McGrath, and Lee Hildebrand, to name those I worked with - and a unique relationship with the city of Berkeley, where its readership was based. The Express was a writer's paper; Berkeley was a reader's town. Writing for the Express in those days was almost as good as being in a band.

The paper's hallmark was long cover stories, which over the years covered almost every topic imaginable: matters of art and culture, religion, gender issues, sexuality, ecology, schools, politics, and topics so arcane (and sometimes mundane) that you couldn't believe what your eyes were seeing. The Express could drive you crazy as a reader — but each time it ran a 6,000-word soliloquy on the flora and fauna of Tilden Park, something else would blow your mind. Bart Bull spent time with a popular group named Hans Naughty and then wrote the meanest, funniest, and truest piece about a band that I'd ever read. Paul Rauber explained political graffiti in Berkeley. Michael Covino's Deer Hunter review was brilliant; Alice Kahn's column was hilarious; and Rob Hurwitt's theater criticism was always rock solid. (And who could forget longtime rock columnist Gina Arnold - so unpopular that one band minted "Kill Gina Arnold" T-shirts.)

The Express has for years been a genuine community newspaper, deeply rooted in the local, highly anticipated, warmly received, argued over, then argued over some more. It was, in many ways, a part of the community consciousness. Like the city that supported it, the Express was quirky and full of surprises: sometimes good ones, sometimes bad. None, however, rivals this week's news that the paper has been sold to the heavy-handed New Times chain. The Express will be missed. **\*** 

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Seize the time: A Jan. 4 protest in front of the State Building in San Francisco reflects a growing grassroots revolt against utility-industry price hikes.

## Turning up the heat

As PG&E jacks up bills, protesters get ready to withhold payments

### **By Rachel Brahinsky**

A coalition of consumer, environmental, and community activists last week began circulating a petition calling for Pacific Gas and Electric customers to withhold a portion of their power bill. The bill protest, organized in part by the Green Party, comes as legislators statewide reevaluate how Californians buy electricity.

The protest is a response to the California Public Utilities Commission's decision enabling PG&E to raise electricity rates by between 9 and 15 percent for 90 days. PG&E, the local monopoly utility, has argued for a rate increase since last summer, when wholesale power prices began

While PG&E contends that it is going bankrupt, critics at the Utility Reform Network (TURN) point out that the utility's parent corporation earned record profits last year — thanks in part to the high cost of power (see "Five Big Lies," 1/3/01).

At the grassroots level, PG&E's rate hike is spurring the campaign to form a municipal utility district (MUD) in San Francisco and Brisbane. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is poised to schedule an election on whether to form the district, a public agency that could take over PG&E's system. Public power districts charge an average of 30 percent less than private power companies, according to the American Public Power Association.

'The fact that this crisis has occurred has made an unsexy topic very sexy," Angela Alioto, attorney for the Coalition for Lower Utility Bills, told us. "People are understanding that they are ripped off, and they want to know why, and they want to know how to remedy it. And the MUD is how to remedy it.

On the new Board of Supervisors, interest in the proposal is high: Sups. Matt Gonzalez and Tom Ammiano promoted the MUD proposal in their inaugural speeches.

Meanwhile, Mayor Willie Brown is quietly selecting a new general manager for the city's Public Utilities Commission. And public power advocates warn that Brown may choose another in a long line of managers who have backed the city's pro-PG&E policy bias. Brown's pick is not likely to help the city finally comply with

the federal law (the Raker Act) requiring that the Hetch Hetchy Dam in Yosemite National Park be used to provide cheap public power to city residents.

An independent manager could also push for renegotiations of unfavorable city power contracts, such as the agreements held with the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts, which are expected to cost the city \$17 million this year by the end of June (see Editorial,

San Francisco PUC spokesperson Beverley Hennessey told us that the PUC sent a list of three recommended candidates to the mayor Dec. 14. Mayoral spokesperson P.J. Johnston wouldn't comment on specific details.

### **Politicians stay mum**

Instead of proposing ways to fix deregulation, politicians in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., are ducking the issue. When we faxed questions to Bay Area elected officials (most of whom supported deregulation and none of whom have supported the MUD), the response was near silence. We asked the legislators if they will now actively support the MUD, if they will create a statewide public power agency, and if they will push for public ownership of the power grid and of PG&E's hydroelectric dams. We also asked if they agreed it was a mistake to support deregulation in 1996, if they would support reregulation, and if they would agree to refuse campaign funds from energy or utility companies.

Assemblymember Carole Migden, one of the few to respond, avoided committing to any one position. "Electricity, like air, water, food, and housing, is a basic human necessity," she told us. "With the current crises the state faces with some power generators 'gaming' the marketplace to gouge prices, all options are on the table. Government needs to play a strong role to guarantee the availability of basic necessities to all people."

State senator Jackie Speier also remains undecided about policy fixes but told us she regret's voting for deregulation. She noted that TURN and the Consumers Union were neutral on the issue at the time. She has taken money from energy companies in the past but says she won't accept their money anymore.

Assemblymember Kevin Shelley, state senator John Burton, and Rep. Tom Lantos did not respond by press time. ❖

For more information on the campaign to withhold the 9 percent rate hike, contact the Green Party at (415) 701-7090 or Global Exchange at (415) 255-7296.

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Thursday, Jan. 11, learn about the Uhuru Reparations Organization's work organizing white people in a movement to demand reparations to the African community, and find out how to participate in the economic development and social justice campaigns of the Uhuru movement. 7-9 p.m., Ulturu Reparations Organization, 420 Third St., No. 205, Oakl. Free. (510) 625-1106.

### Women prisoners speak out

Thursday, Jan. 11, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children screens portions of the testimony women prisoners gave before the state legislature last October about medical neglect and sexual abuse in prison, the loss of their children, and their experiences as battered women. The event, "Truth to Power: Women Prisoners Speak Out against Abuse," includes a report by family members and prisoner advocates, music, dance, and spoken word by the Guerilla Jazz Collective. 7 p.m., Audre Lorde Room, San Francisco Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F. \$5 donation. (415) 255-7036, ext. 319.

### Labor heritage fest

Friday, Jan. 12-Sunday, Jan. 14, learn to use music and theater to organize for better working conditions while celebrating the cultures of working people at the 15th annual Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival, featuring workshops, panel discussions, performances, an art exhibit, music, poetry exchanges, and more. The weekend rounds off with a benefit concert for workers in need. Call for schedule and registration information. Creative Arts Building, San Francisco Community College, 50 Phelan, S.F. \$25 (Saturday only) or \$40 (weekend). Concert Sun/14, 7 p.m., Diego Rivera Theater, San Francisco Comminity College, \$15 for nonregistrants, \$10 for seniors, students, and the intemployed. (650) 355-6381.

### Queer challenges

Sunday, Jan. 14, join Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at "What Challenges Lie Ahead in the New Millennium," a panel discussion with local, regional, and national legislators on policy issues for the GLBTQ community. 3-4 p.m., PFLAG/St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church, S.F. Free. (415) 921-8850.

### **Mobilize for Mumia**

Monday, Jan. 15, keep up the pressure for Mumia's release. Join the Mumia Abu-Jamal contingent at the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration march and rally and demand an end to Abu-Jamal's unjust imprisonment. 10:30 a.m., assemble at Caltrain, corner of 4th St. and Townsend. March to Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove, S.F. (415) 695-7745.

### Ten years is enough!

Tuesday, Jan. 16, marks the 10-year anniversary of the Gulf War. Join activists in more than 100 cities around the world in protesting the genocidal United States-United Nations sanctions that have taken 1.5 million Iraqi lives. 5 p.m., Powell and Market, S.F. (415) 821-6545.

### Single-payer versus universal health care

Tuesday, Jan. 16, Don Bechler, chair of Health Care for All, examines options and strategies for providing health care for everyone, at a presentation sponsored by the Gray Panthers. 12:30-3 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin, S.F. Free. (415) 567-5348.

### **Picket Pacifica**

Picket the branch office of Epstein Becker & Green, the employers of Pacifica board member John Murdock. Epstein Becker & Green specializes in 'maintaining a union-free workplace," and Murdock is one of the main antagonists to independent and community-based radio at both KPFA-FM and New York's WBAI-FM. Join the Coalition for a Democratic Pacifica in demanding Murdock's resignation. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Two Embarcadero Center, S.F. (510) 845-8133.

### City College in the Mission

Wednesday, Jan. 10, City College of San Francisco sponsors a community meeting to discuss the proposed expansion of its Mission District campus into the New Mission Theater. 6:30-8 p.m., Horace Mann Middle School, 3351 23rd St., S.F. Free, (415) 550-4384.

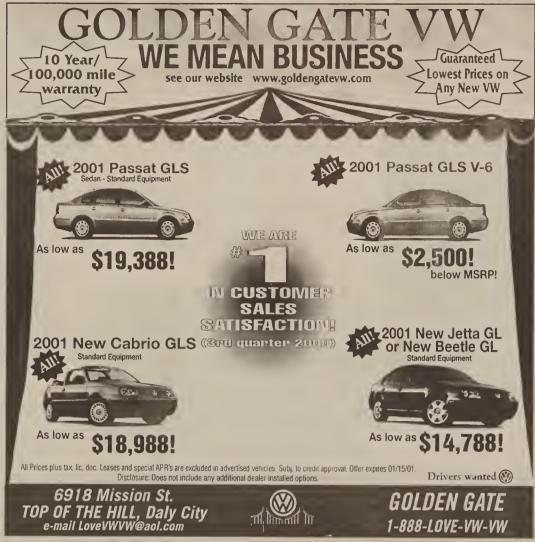
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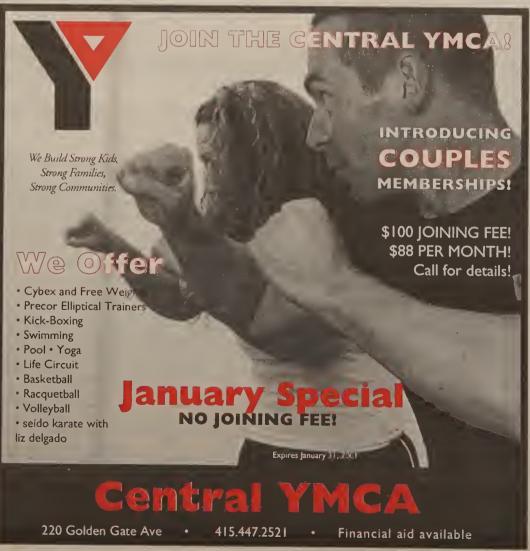
Friday, Jan. 12, join the San Francisco Zapatista Committee and others at a rally to demand that Mexico's new president, Vicente Fox, withdraw all seven army stations from the so-called zone of conflict, release all Zapatista political prisoners, and grant constitutional recognition of indigenous rights and culture in accordance with the Cocopa initiative. Noou, Mexican Consulate, 870 Market, S.F. (415) 642-4079.

### Everyday people

Tuesday, Jan. 16, welcome the new Board of Supervisors into office with a reminder to protect everyday working people in San Francisco by fighting for our neighborhoods, for social, economic, and environmental justice, for affordable housing, and for the arts, at a rally sponsored by the Mission Anti-Displacement Coalition. I p.m., Polk St. steps of City Hall, 1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place, S.F. (415) 431-4210. \*

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# **Bursting bubbles**

Doug Henwood says mean things about the new economy.

uthor Doug Henwood is something of a cult figure among leftwing brainiacs. A former parttime merchant marine and toll collector on the New Jersey Turnpike, Henwood was the first in his family to go to college. From there he made it to graduate school for literature, dropped out, and almost began a career on Wall Street ... but something went wrong, terribly wrong. Today Henwood is America's leading radical economic journalist. His merciless wit, fluid writing style, and uncompromising analysis have made his newsletter, Left Business Observer, the intellectual equivalent of uncut dope, subscribed to religiously by everyone from death row inmates to Canadian finance ministers. Henwood's last book, Wall Street: How It Works and for Whom (Verso, 1997), is an irreverent tour de force that demystifies the workings of high finance. Another book, on the so-called new economy, is on the way. I interviewed Henwood at his Spartan office in Manhattan, which overlooks one of the last sweatshops in the garment district. Henwood calls it "a very 'old economy' view."

Bay Guardian: What do you think of the much used term "globalization"?

Doug Henwood: I think it's very imprecise and used to mean many things. On the left, "globalization" is used instead of "capitalism," or "imperialism," or some combination of the two. In some ways this is an uncritical embrace of vocabulary that comes out of the ruling class. Look at the World Bank or mainstream pundits: they all talk about the "inevitability of globalization." Many on the left just take that term — whatever exactly it means and put negative signs in front of it. They don't really sort through what the term itself means or what the critical approach of an oppositional movement should be.

Also, I think "globalization" presumes a past, innocent, "localized" age when things were nicer. And it identifies the process of internationalization itself as the enemy rather than the capitalistic, imperialistic, exploitative aspects of that internationalization.

Internationalism is something progressives should embrace. I thought we liked cosmopolitanism, and intercourse of all kinds among the people of the world.

BG: So why the use of this term, "glob-

DH: People are very timid about using words like "capitalism" and "imperialism." We're told they're very out of fashion now. But I don't think a mushy and misleading substitute terminology is acceptable. People should call things by their names and start thinking of things by their names. Luckily, I see

more of a willingness on the part of troublemakers to do just that

Once you start to understand capitalism, you see that it's always been an international and internationalizing system. Maybe we can say the pace of that has picked up, but I don't think there is anything particularly newly international about the political econonly today.

voyages, for example — to the era of the telegraph was a much bigger shift than anything we've seen today. That change compressed the whole world timescale from weeks into seconds. Going from seconds to nanoseconds is faster, but is it really more radical or important than changes in the past?

We're used to thinking in a global way because of the telegraph. We inherited a

BG: Where does wealth come from in capitalism?

DH: I'm very old-fashioned. I think that wealth - whatever kinds of transformations it goes through - fundamentally originates in the exploitation of labor and nature in the production process. So workers produce wealth that's then expropriated — taken — by the owners of capital. It may not be expropriated directly by capitalists the way it was in the 19th century - often you can't point to a single plant owner and say, "I work for him, and my work makes him rich" - but it's still the same set of social relations.

It's a lot more institutionally complicated now; wealth goes through all these financial markets, all these transformations technology have so turned the world upside down that all the old rules don't apply. Supposedly, we've entered a period of "prosperity for all" because governments are now powerless; finance has been "democratized"; a wonderful "spontaneity" has moved to center stage; there's been an end to the business cycle. Supposedly, we've entered a period of tremendous productivity growth, and there's never been anything like it before.

In fact, there's been a lot of things like it. And the current rhetoric is very similar to past rhetoric that's come late in long bull markets. There's something about an exuberant stock market that leads to this euphoria about "new eras."

The past has seen at least three such periods over the last century. Around



For example, levels of capital flows and international trade in the late 19th century were by some measures higher than they are today. A hundred years ago you had the age of outright imperialism, which was certainly a sort of globalization. This has always been a global system, a world system. To posit this utopia when everything was really groovy and "local" is misleading, historically and politically.

BG: Some would concede your point but argue that the sheer quantity of international transactions and communication has led to a qualitative shift.

DH: Certainly things have speeded up. But the shift from a world in which information and capital could only flow at the speed of weeks — transatlantic ocean whole way of global thinking that was created ex nihilo then. The same with the telephone, the photograph, jet travel these all had to do with creating a proverbial "global village." We're not now entering some new kind of hyperspace severed from what went before it.

And although the international movement of capital and goods may take different technical forms today, the basic social relations of the world economy are still very much the same. There are still owners who employ, control, and profit from workers. There are still imperial centers dictating policy to and demanding service from the colonized periphery. There's still the debtorcreditor relation, which is one of dominance and submission.

tions from commodities to money to stocks back to money and commodities and so on. Those who produce wealth, say, in a sweatshop making clothes for the Gap, are geographically distant from those who control and accumulate wealth via stocks, bonds, their trust funds, whatever. But still, fundamentally, workers produce wealth; capitalists and financiers expropriate it.

BG: You're finishing another book, called New Economy. Could you tell us about that?

DH: The whole "new economy" discourse of the last three or four years which may be fading now that the dotcom stocks have collapsed and the economy is looking a little recessionish holds that computer and communica1900, 1901, there was a bubble craze jacked up with all the turn-of-the-century fever: a sort of calendar superstition mixed with technophilic exuberance. Likewise in the late 1920s just before the bust and then in the late 1960s, there was more "new era" hype. At least the current mania is beginning to wane as the markets sink and the dot-com road-

The popular writing of all these periods is always remarkably similar. It's this "technologically driven transformation of life that renders everything else obsolete." There are always claims of a new era of understanding among the peoples of the world because of new technologies. Peace, love, understanding, and commerce.

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In the 1960s the chair of the Federal Reserve, Willie McChesney Martin, viewed the new-era rhetoric as something to worry about, as a dangerous signal that people were too exuberant. It was too much like 1929. That's a very antispeculative, old-fashioned central banker kind of temperament. These days, Alan Greenspan is the leading proponent of the new economy thesis; he promotes it at every opportunity he can get. So the exuberance has filtered to much higher levels of the ruling class than in the past.

BG: Given this culture's hallucinato ry fixation on finance and speculation, it is worth asking a very basic question: What fueled the latest stock market boom?

DH: I would say this bull market has had several stages. It started in August 1982, with fairly little interruption since; there was the '87 crash, but that didn't last all that long, and by formal standards the recession that followed wasn't too serious. So the bull market began just as the great Volcker squeeze was ending. Paul Volcker took over at the Federal Reserve in 1979, and he almost immedi-

ately drove interest rates from around 7 percent to over 18 to 20 percent, which created a very deep recession. The official reason for this was to end inflation and rising wages.

Recession cured other problems as well. The commodity-producing countries were forming cartels and driving prices higher. General rebellion was going on in the southern part of the world. The United States had lost the Vietnam War. There was a lot of talk of loss of imperial power. At home in the United States there were a lot of wildcat strikes. It was a time of the "blue collar blues," when it looked like the working class was saying "fuck you" to work, "fuck you" to the boss. That sort of attitude was reproduced around the world. There were strikes in Italy. A lot of worker protest and militant action going on in Europe

There was a famous report of inflation put out by the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development some time in the late '60s or early '70s that described economic inflation as inseparable from the fact that there were so many people in the streets.

**BG**: In other words, there was inflation not just of currency but of expectations.

DH: Exactly! And that's what Volcker dealt with at around the same time Thatcher took office and did the same in England. He tripled U.S. interest rates and created a very deep recession. Then Reagan came into office, breaking unions and promising to rebuild the imperial military machine; he launched a mass assault on the welfare state. Discipline was reasserted: unions were broken, and there was a general reassertion of capitalist power over labor on a national and a global scale. This assertion of ruling-class power, I would say, was very successful.

The recession in the early '80s scared the hell out of the working class in the United States and around the world. The tougher attitude on the part of the Reagan administration — the invasion of Grenada being one example — really took the starch out of the third world's progressive talk about a "new economic order." It was clear the United States was going into a big military buildup and would be much more assertive militarily and politically.

All these things took hold in the early 80s. That had the effect of ending the long slide in the U.S. profit rate which started in the early '70s. The profit rate started rising. There was a massive upward redistribution of income because of that higher profit rate, because of the tax and regulatory changes here and elsewhere. From the point of view of the

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Doug Henwood

stockholding class, these were getting to be wonderful times.

So the bull market at first was a very rational reaction to all this: profits were rising, so the market would rise. It was becoming a very good time to be an owner of capital. That set of circumstances prevailed throughout the 1980s.

BG: To use the mainstream language, stock values rose because stock earnings rose, thus the stock market of the 1980s

DH: Yeah. Then you had that period, around '89 to '93, the George Herbert Walker Bush years, when the economy was pretty flat and the financial markets were sort of troubled. You had the Gulf War in there. But then after that was over, the whole thing resumed again. And then when Clinton came to power, aside from him raising taxes on the top percent of the population, which is one of the few good things he did, it was clear then that there was no political challenge at all to the rule of capital. Whatever troublemaking or social democratic tendencies that remained in the Democratic Party had been pretty much defeated and purged, thanks in no small part to Clinton, one of the founders of the Democratic Leadership Council.

There was the end of any threat of a national health insurance program after Clinton's disaster. And financial orthodoxy completely took over the Democratic Party, so there was just no institutionalized way of resisting the agenda of the bull market and the free traders. Wall Street and the stockholding classes were very happy about that, so they continued to buy stocks.

But sometime around 1995 or so, things stopped being quite so rational and started getting irrationally exuberant. The public began investing in a big way. The upturn in profits slowed down profitability numbers actually peaked in '96, and they've been going down a little bit since then.

So the last four or five years have been mainly just the bull market feeding off itself in classic bubble fashion. The market goes up because the market goes up, and people have just been getting more and more exuberant and more and more bubblish.

BG: What about the role of so-called flight capital coming from abroad in fueling the U.S. stock market?

DH: It's certainly had an impact. The Asian economic crisis had a significant economic role in that a lot of the capital that had been heading toward Asia pulled out and headed toward the United States. The Mexican crisis of '94 had a similar ef-

> fect: a lot of money exited Latin America and came to the U.S. The stagnation in Japan and western Europe has also contributed to the flow of money here and thus overvaluation in the markets.

> This tremendous inflow of foreign capital - two or three hundred billion dollars a year for the last several years - has helped propel our expanding economy. That's kept markets rising; it has kept consumers being able to spend beyond their means.

And at a political, rather than a financial, level I think the effects of the collapse of the Eastern bloc have certainly contributed to the confidence of the capitalist class. There's no significant challenge to their rule now. Whatever the faults of the Soviet Union, at least it was an embodiment of the idea that you could do things differently. The loss of that alternative model is very cheering to capitalists around the world, who use that collapse to discredit any kind of state regulation of the economy or any remotely redistributive policies. So it's been a great ideological boost, and certainly Russian flight capital has injected a lot of cash; a lot of cash came out of Asia, Latin America, eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union and came to the United States' stock markets. All these calamities elsewhere have produced wonderful results for the American ruling class.

**BG:** Any last comments?

DH: I guess one of the more depressing aspects of political life in the last 20 years has been this absolute sense of resignation on the part of so much of the left. But it seems to me in the last couple of years that defeatism is being reversed. There seems to be a growing confidence. The development of this anti-World Trade Organization, anti-World Bank movement — regardless of my reservations about the standard analysis among many of the movement's putative "leaders" — is just wonderful to see. And I find that in talking to people who are involved in protest, they're really open to all kinds of truly radical ideas. So I think maybe this very long period of reaction that we've been living through for the last several decades may be finally coming to an end. While I'm sort of a temperamental pessimist, I've certainly not felt so optimistic about politics in a long, long time. <

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aura Doyle was at the end of her tether. She'd grown up with feminist ideas about gender equality at work and in the home, but nothing in her life seemed to resemble the glossy freedom of the so-called strong women on the pages of Ms. magazine. She had a good career as a business copywriter, but she didn't earn as much as the men in her field. And more important, her marriage was falling apart.

When Doyle tried to assert herself at home, her husband became depressed and resentful. She asked her husband to do his share of the household chores, and he just wouldn't get them done. She'd offer him directions to somebody's house when he was driving, and he would explode. He even rejected her input in the bedroom. When she tried to initiate sex with him, he dismissed her advances and said that sex with her was just another chore she was foisting on him. Unlike the violently dominating men whom feminists like Susan Brownmiller had warned her against, Dovle's husband wasn't exactly brutalizing her. But he wasn't coming around and getting sensitive like Alan Alda, either. Nothing in the pages of Gloria Steinem and Naomi Wolf had prepared her for an emotional tug-of-war between her wish to be loved and her desire to exert control in the home.

Doyle began to think seriously about her life. She was sick of the sex war. She didn't want to fight with her husband anymore; she wanted him to love and cherish her. So she came up with a solution: surrender.

In Doyle's book The Surrendered Wife, which hits the stores this January accompanied by much publicity and fanfare, Doyle lays out a "feminist" program for women who want to become traditional submissive wives. Although she advises that women maintain their assertive identities in the workplace, she suggests that marital happiness will be achieved only when husbands take care of everything from household finances to initiating sexual encounters. "From a feminist standpoint, divorce is detrimental to women; they lose money, become single moms, and are challenged in all kinds of ways," Doyle told me over the phone from her home office in Orange County. "I want to help women stay married. Don't you think that's feminist?" she asked rhetorically.

Doyle isn't alone. She's led dozens of workshops across the country, where she's found many, many women who share her view. And women can also find versions of Doyle's argument writ large in the careers of such conservative feminists as Oprah Winfrey, Amy Tan, Martha Stewart, "nice girl" lesbian Ellen DeGeneres, and even the fictional Ally McBeal, just to name a few. The backlash against feminism that Susan Faludi documented during the 1980s has returned with a vengeance at the turn of the millennium, but this time the neosexism isn't coming from men it's coming from women. And conservative feminism isn't something we can dismiss as a fabrication of white, middle-class housewives, either: its popularity cuts across class, race, and sexual orientation.

What inspired Doyle's philosophical about-face, and that of other women like her, is a constellation of ideas about

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### Are conservative feminists creating a

gender differences that erupted into public consciousness in the mid 1990s and crystallized around the publication of pop therapy guru John Gray's Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus (1992). Gray's idea is simple: men and women are so different that they might as well be from separate planets. He paints women as empathic creatures who like to share their feelings, work collaboratively, and have babies. Men are competitive "fixers" who like to make things work but hate to be given advice; they often retreat to their 'caves" to brood over their problems in isolation.

Gray's cosmology caught on with women in particular — he's become a

Why have so many women been seduced by old-fashioned femininity at the turn of the millennium, and why are they calling themselves feminists? In part, the answer is rhetorical: Grav's Mars-Venus fable sounds a lot like warmed-over pop feminism from the 1970s. Women are the earth-goddessy, emotional, nurturing ones, and men are their mechanically minded, competitive opposites. But whereas '70s feminism retooled those feminine archetypes in order to demonstrate women's power and value, Y2K conservative feminism uses the idea of gender difference to explain away gender conflict as "merely emotional" rather than social, political, and economic. Despite

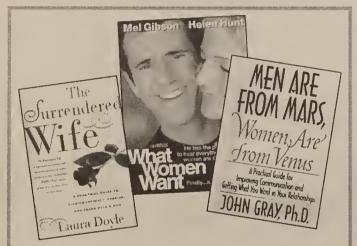
vative feminists choose to ignore. Instead they claim that women shouldn't try to apply feminist ideals to intimate relationships, "The flaw with the feminist idea is that you can't make your husband do anything," Doyle said. "It assumes that you can control someone else." This is the crux of her argument. and that of many other conservative feminists who have decided to surrender in the gender war. While radical feminism argues that the personal is political (and therefore equality matters in intimate relationships), conservative feminism holds that the personal is personal; therefore, it's nobody's business if I submit to my husband's authority in

The public arena is another story. Conservative feminism appeals to many financially independent and educated women because it doesn't entirely reinstate the bad old days of housewife drudgery: women are encouraged to be go-getters in their careers. Even Rules authors Fein and Schneider say they don't think their program is a good idea for workplace relationships. Doyle, a surrendered wife in the home, still prides herself on a successful publishing career. Martha Stewart may be an obsessive homemaker, but she is also financially successful and single. As Doyle put it, "We have careers; we're not beleaguered like in the 1950s. So we're making a choice to do this."

Essentially, conservative feminism wants to have it both ways: women will be aggressive breadwinners at work and submissive wives in the home. The fantasy is that once women have surrendered, the domestic sphere will become peaceful, a welcome respite after a long day of getting whiplash from smacking one's head against the glass ceiling.

Because the gender war has such a personal dimension - many intimate heterosexual relationships are torn apart by it - women understandably long for a safe space where the battle can be over, if only for a little while. War, after all, is hell. And so, ironically, one might claim that women are coming around to the conservative feminist agenda out of love. Like Ally McBeal, who yearns for nothing more than the love of a good man (and a real baby to replace that dancing one), these women are willing to chuck away the difficult task of negotiating equality in their relationships if it means that their men will adore them again.

And if the fantasy of being cherished doesn't work for you, conservative feminists also suggest that becoming submissive will make you more sexually attractive. Like the diet-obsessed, heterocompulsive babes on HBO's smash hit Sex in the City, conservative feminists encourage women to be openly sexual. Doyle devotes an entire chapter in her book to women's sexual satisfaction and told me, "Surrendering could not



While radical feminism argues that the personal is political (and therefore equality matters in intimate relationships), conservative feminism holds that the personal is personal; therefore, it's nobody's business if I submit to my husband's authority in the home.

regular guest on Oprah — and is in many ways the bedrock of today's conservative feminism. In 1995, Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider published their allegedly feminist tract The Rules, which elaborated on Grav's theories about the emotional distance between men and women by laying out a program by which women could "snare" men if they were willing to "play by the rules" and return to traditional, submissive feminine dating behavior. Meanwhile, the fiercely independent Martha Stewart taught us to spend our spare time sewing perfect doilies, and wildly popular television shows like 7th Heaven reinvented the idea that women are happiest when they are breeding, cooking, and cleaning the house. Even publicly out lesbians like Melissa Etheridge were saying "yes I am" only if they could demonstrate in some other way that they were traditional women, by creating little domestic nests with their monogamous lovers and rearing children together.

the fact that recent census information demonstrates that women's salaries still lag behind men's, and that it's clear women are hardly proportionally represented in state politics or in the boardroom, Mars and Venus are not fighting for power, according to conservative feminists like Doyle. They're just fighting because they have different emotional styles.

### The personal is personal

True, some conflicts between men and women are caused entirely by emotional difficulties that may have no political significance. But many are not, Now that women and men are competing for the same pieces of the sociopolitical pie, it's simply inaccurate to claim that the only things sparking conflict between men and women are their temperaments. The gender war isn't just about bad communication, or about misunderstandings about what the opposite sex wants. It's about money and power.

And those are two issues that conser-

# GENDER WAR

### brave new world of submissive women? By Annalee Newitz

have come along without feminism. We know and expect orgasms." And yet Doyle also recommends that women never initiate sex, and moreover that they "make themselves available for sex" with their husbands at least once a week, even if they aren't in the mood. "Once you get rolling, it's enjoyable for both parties," Doyle said. "It doesn't seem that critical whether she wants it or not when she gets started, if she enjoys it in the end."

Although Doyle's position is probably more reactionary than most, the germ of her idea is there in Sex in the City, where the women expect the men they date to try to get sex from them, and if they don't, there's obviously something wrong. Best-selling author Terry McMillan (Waiting to Exhale, How Stella Got Her Groove Back), whose books are basically African American versions of Sex in the City, demonstrates the sexual logic of conservative feminism with her characters too. Although her women are compellingly independent and adore the thrill of getting turned on, they nevertheless treat sex like something that women give to men. In other words, women are free to enjoy sex, and to talk ad nauseam about their orgasms, as long as it's understood that men are the ones who "get things going." All other forms of sexuality and intimacy are relegated to the ash can of taboo.

Conservative feminism appeals to women on multiple levels then: it calls on primal feminist archetypes, grants us careers, and preaches sexual satisfaction. The question is, can women really stick to "the rules" and surrender to male authority in their domestic arrangements while arguing for equal pay in the workplace and equal representation in the political arena? Or, to put it in Doyle's terms, can women control their destinies without controlling their husbands as well?

It's precisely this question that the recent Hollywood smash hit What Women Want tried to address. Written and directed by women, starring chick magnets Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt, the film is a masterpiece of conservative feminism that also manages to demonstrate some of the basic contradictions in this new ideology of gender difference.

Gibson plays a successful advertising exec — a hardheaded Martian man's man — who is passed over for promotion in favor of a woman (Hunt), who promises to bring his ad firm "into the 21st century" by targeting female consumers with her gentle, team-player Venusian ways. In a halfhearted effort to understand female consumer habits, Gibson combines makeup, pantyhose, bath beads, and a hair dryer to disastrous ends and winds up electrocuting himself. When he comes to after his shock, he is able to hear women's

thoughts, and thus to know "what women want."

Gibson uses his ESP to pluck Hunt's ideas out of her head and then pretends he came up with them. Hunt, ecstatic that her new colleague seems to think like her, allows Gibson to become the lead on the project, which lands their firm the deal with Nike. Hunt, though, gets fired for failing to step up to the plate as Gibson did. But Gibson, armed with his new emotional sensitivity, admits to Hunt that he "stole her ideas" and arranges for her to get her job back. And then, after much ado, they kiss (Gibson, of course, initiates it). Hunt gets to surrender to a man who knows her every desire, but she gets to keep her job, too. It's the ultimate conservative feminist fantasy come true.

And yet What Women Want shows albeit in its Hollywoodized, preposterous way — the impossibility of ever separating Doyle's notion of personal surrender from a more public form of surrender in the workplace. The dividing line between the professional and the personal, even in fantasy, is just too tenuous: when Hunt surrenders to Gibson's romantic advances, she surrenders power to him at work, too, Gibson uses his ability to "understand" Hunt — in the John Gray style - not just to cherish her, but to steal her ideas and manipulate her into a position of political vulnerability. Even Hollywood can't rescue the conservative feminist fantasy from its own internal contradictions.

### **Progressive gender strategies**

Inevitably, the distribution of power in the personal realm affects the distribution of power outside of it. This, of course, is the same lesson feminists who fight sexual harassment have been trying to teach for years. Personal issues permeate political and economic arenas; therefore, what goes on "in private" is bound to have political significance.

Women are not the only ones who stand to lose in a conservative feminist regime. A return to rigid gender roles means that men will get pushed into male roles that are just as confining as traditional feminine ones. As Susan Faludi points out in Stiffed, her 1999 book on masculinity, men are often crippled by the social injunction that they always be "in charge," even when they feel hurt or vulnerable or lost. And so when a woman like Doyle advocates that women will "get what they want out of men" when they surrender, she is also offering women a new way to manipulate and control men by telling them that it is the "male role" to undertake arduous tasks like financial management and domestic decision-making about everything from buying a new house to figuring out how to keep wifey happy.

Although it is enticing to imagine that one could end the gender war simply by

returning to conventional gender roles in the home, it seems impossible to do so without inflicting damage on male-female relationships both interpersonally and in the public sphere. The problem is that at this point in history, conservative feminists seem to be offering the most emotionally satisfying and popular solution to gender conflict. They promise love and reconciliation, which are obviously intensely attractive lures.

But two camps among gender progressives offer possible ways to awaken from the conservative feminist dream. One source of hope for radical feminism comes out of the queer community's burgeoning antimarriage movement, whose political agenda Michael Warner articulated cogently in his recent book The Trouble with Normal. Warner and others like him hope to free sexual expression from the confines of monogamous family units. Following in the footsteps of the "free love" advocates who created Haight-Ashbury communes in the 1960s, and the queers and geeks who live in today's sexually ambiguous group houses, the antimarriage movement advocates for a redefinition of domestic intimacy. Warner suggests that there are all kinds of sexual relationships that one might move through in a lifetime: casual, intense, loving, friendly, and so on. All of these relationships should be honored as meaningful and fulfilling

ways to receive love. By attacking marriage, we can also attack one of the basic premises of conservative feminism: that sex and love can be discussed openly only if they're monogamous and conform to the ideal of men taking the lead. By advocating an end to state-sanctioned marriage, progressives could potentially call into question the separation that conservative feminism tries to set up between public and private relationships. If many different kinds of romantic relationships were acknowledged, no special privileges of dominance-submission would necessarily be accorded to men and women in their "private" lives.

Conservative feminism is under attack on another front. from a growing group of feminists who advocate for an understanding of gender as a constellation of many identities, rather than two opposing ones. Jo Hirschmann, a staff person at San Francisco's Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, works with

TransAction, an activist group dedicated to ending discrimination and police violence against people who don't fit gender norms. "Traditional gender roles are a prison that prevent each of us from expressing our full humanity and creativity," she said. "The enforcement of gender roles also often involves violence — here at the center, we compare the so-called crime of driving while black to the crime of walking while transsexual in the Tenderloin. The solution to police discrimination and other kinds of persecution like this is to break down the gender roles we've been taught to live in."

This view of gender has been popularized in films like the Academy Award winner Boys Don't Cry. We can even see glimmers of gender role breakdown at work in goofy sitcoms like 3rd Rock from the Sun, or teen-angst fest Buffy the Vampire Slayer, where male and female roles are defined so broadly that they become practically irrelevant.

Susan Stryker, director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, said that the whole Mars-Venus conception of gender is suspect. "The idea is nothing but nostalgic wish fulfillment. Moreover, the notion that we once lived in a past of simple and clearly defined gender roles is simply imaginary; social relations between men and women have always been extremely complex."

A longtime transsexual activist, Stryker said that conservative feminism "reflects a cultural belief that gender is a physical condition. We tend to confuse gender, which is a social role, with sex, which is biological." Laughing, she added, "It's a mistake to think that we have gender the way we have lungs." Like many other progressive feminists, Stryker prefers to think of gender as "a multiplicity of identities which can be put together in lots of different ways."

People who oppose conservative feminism call on the idea of choice: your gender identity should be based on what you choose to do, not on what's been handed to you by history or power structures or your lover. In a world based on genders and sexualities of choice, people would still get married and be heterosexual. Women would still sometimes be emotional and submissive, while men would sometimes still be strong and dominant. But they would also be lots of other things. Most important, they wouldn't be socially rewarded for behaving in ways that are deemed appropriate to their genders, nor would they be given special privi-







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A: Sweetie, there are far more horny men looking for women or couples than the other way around, at least as far as public advertising. When they do place an ad, they want to make it convenient for themselves. In this age of instant gratification, the U.S. Postal Service, no matter what it promises, is just too slow. A person can tell much more about the likelihood of a sexual partner from his voice, if Ihave suggested to my wife that we have another woman in our life so I can have enough sex, but she is against it.

not by actual sight, and not a whole lot through the slow process of writing back and forth. Most casual sex contacts are made in person — in private life, such as work flirtations or vacation adventures or swing houses or bars and clubs. Many such arrangements are initiated these days on the Internet, where private e-mail addresses are more expedient than mail boxes. This is a seller's market, so if you want to, min, trade in the marketplace, you are going to have to do something about updating and improving your marketing skills.

Q: My husband and I enjoy oral sex (and, yes, I am a swallower). If my husband has a cold or a stomach virus or some other catchy thing like that, can I get it from ingesting his fluids?

A: Yes. So it's probably best to find some other way to offer comfort to an ailing hubby ... like a back rub.

Q: I'm a guy in his early 40s who is considering a vasectomy. My question concerns the effect of such an operation on my semen. How much will the quantity drop? How will the quality (consistency, taste, scent) change? The urologist says I will notice no difference, but I wanted to ask someone with more street cred.

A: Thank you for the compliment! However, I must say that I have no firsthand experience with the situation, obviously, nor any direct secondhand experience either. (My partners have all been "befores" or "afters," no "durings.") The poop on my Sexuality Forum Web site from gnys who have just undergone the operation is that, other than some soreness, there is no difference in any appreciable way - not volnine, scent; taste, or anything else except security around unplanned pregnancy.

Q: My boyfriend and I regularly jog together; however, he refuses to shower together after we work out. This puzzles me. His only explanation is that he prefers showering alone. This is the first time I have ever encountered a man who wouldn't jump at the opportunity to shower with a woman. Every boyfriend I've had would shower with me after exercising, even a gay male friend. After all, it's the only way to get your back scrubbed. I doubt it has anything to do with inhibitions, since we sleep together nude. I guess I should just let it be, but the thought of showering together is often my incentive to run, particularly when the weather turns cold. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Yes. Let the poor gny have his preference, and if you really love company, arrange to shower with some of your other friends. 💠

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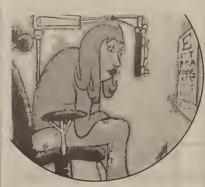
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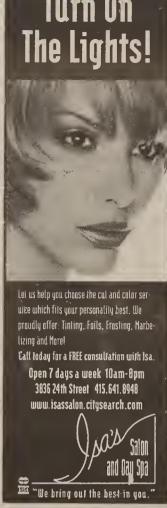
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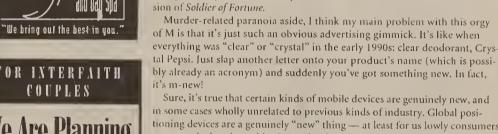
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ike a mentally unstable business-development executive, I've become

dangerously obsessed with M. I think it started a couple of months ago when I saw one of those Volkswagens covered in corporate iconography for some now-defunct dot-com that was called something like m-fast or m-comm or m-zoom. The car had been splattered all over with images of old-fashioned radio towers shooting out these little lightning bolts that were

no doubt supposed to represent streams of information, freed from their wires

and allowed to roam the universe as happy, floaty electromagnetic waves.



thought briefly that it was an upscale ver-

in some cases wholly unrelated to previous kinds of industry. Global positioning devices are a genuinely "new" thing — at least for us lowly consumers — as are the low-heat chips being developed at Transmeta for handheld devices. But by and large, M smacks of post-dot-com hopelessness. It used to be that just putting that dot-com at the end of your business name was enough to lasso a cool 20 million. Now, in desperation, we're looking for a new miniword that can bring extra money into old technologies. We've gone from ebiz to m-biz and the only thing that's changed is that I won't need to buy printer cables or phone cords anymore.

Fred Wood, a business developer at M-Business and part of the magazine's original launch team, wrote me, "The magazine is a necessity for the growing mobile economy because of the constant changes that are occurring at every level and in every part of the industry, from service providers (Sprint, AT&T, Verizon) to software developers (OracleMobile, Phone.com, IBM) and from device manufacturers (Handspring, Sony, Motorola) to standards bodies (FCC, WAP Forum, ITU)."

Although its understandable that Wood and his colleagues want to help deline the m-market, the companies and standards bodies they're covering are not exactly new on the scene. They're just the same old powerful companies and developers who are now starting up m-divisions so that they can churn out products that match the flavor of the moment.

Unlike the heady rush of the early dot-com days, when there were genuinely new names and faces attached to the cash and power, the m-era is less about starting brand-new companies or markets and more about retooling the old ones to whip consumers and investors into a frenzy. Sick of Oracle.com? Try OracleMobile! Did your dot-com die? Maybe you can join our team of m-biz wonks and make your Web portal into a WAP portal!

Every advertising trend has its seductive lure, however, and M is no different. Dot-coms once promised us a shiny future of nice, clean postindustrialism driven entirely by mental labor and pure information. And these days M sweeps us away on dreams of a world in which we are not shackled by the huge bales of wires that hem us in at work and clog the power strips plugged into every available outlet in our homes. Wires bind us to unwieldy machines that cannot move; wires seem to keep us tied into the repetitive motions that cripple us. But M can set us free. Oh M! Oh humanity! 💠

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# When good readers go out

By Paul Reidinger

hen, in a poll that appeared as part of last summer's Best of the Bay package, Bay Guardian readers named Eastside West as Best New Restaurant, we on staff were just a bit ... bemused. Not to take anything away from Eastside West, but it wasn't the name that sprang instantly to editorial minds. We were thinking NeO, JohnFrank, Dine - places like that. Places full of trendoids. Places with celebrity-chef types behind the stoves. Eastside West? It was down in the very heart of heteroyuppieland, across the street from Balboa Cafe and City Tavern, kitty-corner from the PlumpJack wine shop, and just up the block from PlumpJack Cafe itself. It was a neighborhood spot. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

Now it's months hence, and, having looked into the matter, I am happy to report that Eastside West entirely deserves the accolades of our readers. There will be no recount. The place is indeed a neighborhood restaurant, comfortable and welcoming, done up in warm, unobtrusive earth tones with plenty of wood. It's an oldfashioned design in the best sense; it doesn't call attention to itself. In fact

it seems as if it's been there far longer than it has — an impression amplified by the kind of flawless service you don't really expect to find anywhere these days, whether at neighborhood restaurants in Cow Hollow or at expense-account temples downtown or in one of those innumerable fancy hotels that lately have sprung up in SoMa like wild mushrooms after an

The service staff are friendly. They have your table waiting. They immediately bring water and a basket of warm sourdough bread -- about the best bread I've ever had anywhere. They recite the specials with accuracy and enthusiasm, time the courses beautifully, clear emptied plates with telepathic efficiency, and refill water glasses without hawking booze. If restaurant service is a kind of machine, then Eastside West's apparatus is the equivalent of a perfectly tuned BMW straight six, revving up to 5,000 rpm without a vibration of strain or complaint.

The food, produced under the stewardship of chef-owner Scott Dammann and chef de cuisine Christopher Pastena, is full of relaxed style that looks Californian but feels

American, right up to the fresh cranberries that lend color and tartness to a very West Coasty spinach and duck salad balanced by creamy-sour goat cheese and crunchy-sweet candied walnuts (\$8). There's an extensive raw bar, along with plenty of seafood on. the main menu, from a snapper ceviche, served in a martini glass with avocado slices, tortilla strips, and plenty of peppery lime juice (\$8.50), to a country-style lobster bisque, chunky with root vegetables and piped with crème fraîche (\$8.50), to a chunk of grilled opah, or moonfish, served with fingerling potato halves, broccolini spears (whose bitterness had been attractively mellowed by what we guessed was a long soak in brine), and a bright-tart pomegranate

The appeal of the accompaniments helped us overlook the fact that the fish was a bit overcooked - dry and tough at the edges. Dessert helped too: a child's Christmas-fantasy brownie, still warm, though topped with housemade vanilla ice cream, and ringed by Rice Krispie Treat balls (\$6.50).

Brunch. The mood is mellower, as befits a slow weekend midday. Easy to imagine sitting at one of the round banquettes in the front dining room, sipping coffee, idling through the Sunday Chron (with its impressively beefed-up wire-service reports) and tucking into a broad bowl of cream of broccoli soup, festooned with broccoli florets and beads of crème fraîche (\$5.95). The soup, along with a basket of the incredible warm sourdough bread and some butter, would make a meal in itself.

But it's human nature to want more, and Eastside West naturally obliges. How about a delicately classy omelette (\$8.50), stuffed with peas, basil, ham (for ballast), and Ridder cheese (a close cousin of Gouda) to bind everything together? Or a burger topped with blue cheese, sautéed mushrooms, and grilled onions accompanied by a haystack of deepfried onion slivers (\$9.45)? After one of those, you may well find you're not interested in dinner until 10 or 11 p.m. or some such Spanish hour.

We went even more annihilatingly overboard and split the big banana split, a log pile of sliced bananas glued together with two kinds of cream (ice and whipped) and an upwelling of hot fudge (\$6.50). The vote? Two thumbs up! 🌣

Eastside West. 4154 Fillmore (at Greenwich), S.F. (415) 885-4000. Dinner: Mon.-Wed. and Sun., 5-10 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat., 5 p.m.-midnight. Brunch: Sat.-Sun., 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. American Express, MasterCard, Visa. Moderately noisy. Wheelchair accessible.

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### Porn in a bottle

eading the holiday issue of Wine X, the magazine for oenophilic baby busters, gave me a queasy feeling. Yes, it is an actual print magazine (with, needless to say, a Web site, www.winexwired.com); its pages contain lots of words, if not actual writing. In this respect, like e-mail, Wine X could be said to be of some value in resuscitating, or at least staving off the demise of, written culture. It has something to do with lanquage - but not much. It seems to have even less to do with wine and food culture. But then, as editor in chief Angelina Malhotra-Singh confides in her breathless editor's letter, the "common theme" of her writers is

On that MTV-ish note, I launched my hopeful flip-through and found ... banality! (And no sex at all!) Here is an exchange from the "celebrity interview," by staffer Bob Blumer, of Indigo Girl Emily Saliers:

[Sounds of slurping] ES: Wow. Awesome. Very long

BB: Being the pinot whore that I am, I'm much more drawn to the Beringer, just because it's softer. It's funny, if you blind tasted it you might think it was a killer pinot.

ES: I hear you. I tasted that, And I'm not so much of a pinot person. Some pinots are so strawberry. So that's probably my least favorite red.

Thanks for sharing! To be fair, one has read far more brazenly trite commentary on wine (though not necessarily on politics, a world for which Saliers hopefully anticipates the dawn of the "day when politicians aren't so .. heavily influenced by money"). But the aggregate effect of Wine X is one of near-pristine emptiness. This shouldn't be surprising, given the oftdemonstrated contempt of the digerati for "content." Still, the vapidity of the "Coffee Page," which purports to offer wisdom on handling one's java, suggests the scope of the magazine's cheerful dimness.

We are told, essentially, that good coffee results from grinding whole beans that have been stored in the refrigerator and brewing them immediately with fresh, cold water. That is true enough, but if that was all you were told, you would never brew good coffee. The piece makes no mention of two essential variables: the ratio of water to grounds (six ounces per two tablespoons) and the temperature of the water, which should be just off the boil, at about 200 degrees Fahrenheit. In an electric pot this doesn't matter. but electric pots don't make the best coffee. If you pour boiling water into grounds in a plunger pot, as I did the first few times, you will produce something undrinkable — far worse than strawberry-ish pinots deplored by Emily and Bob.

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Meet me in the middle: Elena Krasnoperova, left, and Mark Harrison sample a dozen oysters: six from the West Coast and six from the East Coast.





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# The funky chicken

was running a fever of about one-oh-forty-something yesterday about this time, lunchtime, so if my memories of El Perol, the Peruvian restaurant in the middle of the Mission Market, lean a little loopy and/or surreal, take what I say with a grain of salt and a scoopful of that green Peruvian salsa, please. Maybe I was hallucinating.

If so, I can think of worse things to hallucinate into than a big bowl of chicken soup, papas rellenas with marinated onions, and baskets of bread and butter and green salsa, Crawdad de la Cooter, the Pod and the Puppet for real live company, and lots of dead meat and fishes for additional companionship.

Did I mention that this restaurant was in the middle of Mission Market? Yeah, man, it's pretty cool. From Mission Street (at 22nd, next to Popeye's) you go in past the flowers, past the donuts, ice cream, Alteña, the produce stand, and then there it is. El Perol. You order cafeteria style and grab a table under the overhead garden, between the fish and poultry counter and the meat meat meat.

We sat at the table closest to the cut-up chicken parts, which seemed like a great idea until the parts all started teasing the poor piece of chicken in my soup, saying, "Stick a fork in it," "Ha ha," "Looks like his goose is cooked," and whatnot. In the end I had to step in on my little thigh's behalf.

'You'll get yours, boys," I said. "And I'll get mine. But you first. In fact, I might talk one or two of you into coming home with me for dinner and a

They all got quiet then, and my friends and wives started putting the backs of their hands all over my four heads and inserting Doppler radar weather sensors

"It's OK, y'all," I thought I heard Crawdad say through the fog. "He talks to chickens all the time almost.'

"Greeneyes," I said to the Puppet, "will you pass me that green salsa, please?" "Greeneyes?" the Puppet asked. His mouth, asking it, looked like a piece of felt being controlled by three fingers and the base of a hand.

"That's a chicken," Crawdad explained. "The ghost of a chicken, technically.

To make a long story short, the Puppet passed me the green salsa (using his thumb-and-little-finger arms) and I put it all over my bread and butter, and all over my hand, and all over my papas rellenas, which is fried mashed potatoes, basically, stuffed with ground beef, raisins, a black olive, a half of a hard-boiled egg, and a nine-piece swing band. All of which doesn't taste nearly as good as it sounds, except that with that green salsa on it, hell, I'll happily eat my hanky.

The salsa, if you're not familiar with it, is a mix of cilantro, garlic, and hot hot hot peppers, plus, who knows, maybe a few other of life's 10 best things, like lemons or limes or biscuits and butter. Peruvian salsa is the best salsa in all the

My only complaint about the soup was that I couldn't quite figure out how to put salsa on it. I mean, I tried, but it just sort of disappeared and/or dis-

Otherwise, though, it was good and greasy soup, with whole chicken pieces, whole corn pieces, carrots, celery, and ziti — for under five bucks, whereas all the other stewy stuff everyone else got was more like eight, eight-fifty. Which is too much to pay, even for lamb, pork, and chickens.

Speaking of which, when I looked up from my soup again, the sneaky bastards were trying to make their getaways. The wings were flying toward the back door of the place, lugging a half breast apiece, and the drumsticks were running single file across the counter, each one shouldering its thigh. Mr. Butcher was standing behind the counter with a shotgun, laughing his ass off like Ernest Borgnine in The Wild Bunch and knocking them runaway pieces down out of the sky like skeet and off of the counter like, um, Injuns.

Somewhere at my table Crawdad and the Puppet were talking about the Holocaust and Holocaust movies, and Mod the Pod pointed out that during World War II, she was held in an internment camp for not-yet-born Japanese American citizens. Just then, as if on cue, an old Mexican man walked by wearing a 49ers jacket and a Cleveland Indians cap.

I had to smile. When I did, soup drooled down out of the corners of my mouth and onto my bathrobe. "I have to get him home now," Crawdad said to the Pod and the Puppet. "I'm so sorry, y'all."

Me too. I'm sorry, y'all, too. And now, if you'll excuse me, I think I can use about 36 hours of sleep. ❖

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# Speak, apetito

recent account of the prosaically named 15th Annual Food and Wine Event reported that "40 of the world's finest French chefs" laid out their wares at a Ritz-Carlton in Orange County. Once I reconciled myself to the geographical oxymoron, I got to pondering the menu, which included seared tuna salad with piperate and piment d'esplette, puree of topinambour and chanterelle and chipolini confit, and pork feet with braised salsifis and cardamom jus. That got me to wondering whether I draw my personal line in the sand at dishes I can't pronounce or food I just can't fathom. It better not be the former, because my four years of high school French help me fake my way through menus peppered with poivre, chèvre, and fois gras, but are of little use when it comes to comestibles from Peru, such as adobo de chancho, pollo saltado, carapulcra a la limena, parihuela, and mazamorra morada.

Those are all dishes featured at La Furia Chalaca, the intimate year-old restaurant on the cusp of Jack London Square. "La furia Chalaca" translates as "the spirit of Callao," which is a major Peruvian port where fishermen migrating from the north left their mark on the local cuisine. While the dishes vary widely at La Furia Chalaca — from surf (ceviche, prawn chowder, fisherman's stew, paella, fried fish) to turf (fried chicken, lime-marinated chicken braised in white wine, beer-marinated duck, grilled beefsteak, sirloin tips, braised pork in a potato-thickened sauce, and goat stew) — those fishermen must have eaten a lot of red onions, sweet potato, plantain, dried corn, and steamed rice, because those ingredients show up in great abundance on nearly every plate.

The soul of La Furia's menu is fresh seafood, so during our first dinner visit, Robin and I zeroed in on the jalea especiales (\$14) and arroz con marisco (\$14). The jalea features a lightly breaded and delicately fried fish fillet served on a bed of lettuce and generously topped with shrimp, fried squid, mussels, tomatoes, and red onion, with slices of fried plantain and large kernels of fresh and dried (fried) corn arranged around the oval platter. The attentive but somewhat shy server couldn't identify the fish. The word from the kitchen was halibut, but it had the softer consistency and stronger flavor of catfish. The arroz con mariscos was a mild and scrumptious paella of saffron rice, shrimp, squid, sliced pimento, peas, carrots, and ... three mysteriously empty mussel shells.

We had started the meal by sharing a pilsner Callao (\$3.50) over the complimentary dish of fried corn and plantains, plus a Peruvian tamale (\$6) that boasted lean lime-scented chicken packed into delicious spicy masa and a garnish of marinated red onions. Stuffed after the main courses, we nonetheless felt compelled to sample a couple of the intriguing desserts. Being "a Peruvian delicacy rarely found in restaurants," the mazamorra morada pudding was quite logically unavailable, but the rice pudding and flan (both \$4) were. Almost indelibly dried out raisins detracted from the model consistency and perfect sweetness of the pudding, but the subtle flavors of the thick, noncustardy flan triumphed over its rather grainy texture. Despite minor imperfections, all the above dishes would bear ordering again, but I'd do it at lunch, when the prices drop dramatically. The inflated charges at dinner might be justified by the meticulous attention given to the pleasant decor and ambience (Andean artifacts in niches, watercolor paintings on the walls, flowers and candles on the tables, traditional and pop Andean music on the stereo, occasional live music), the service, and the presentation. But I opted to make my return visits at midday, when I could explore the menu in virtual solitude and feel like I was getting a 25 to 50 percent discount to boot. When I paid \$4.50 instead of \$6 for the papa rellena — a mashed potato fritter filled with seasoned ground beef and lightly dressed with a lemon-onion sauce and garnished with red chiles and red onions — I didn't mind quite so much that the inside was lukewarm. And the orange oil glistening at the bottom of the bountiful serving of the adobo de chancho — big tender, mouthwatering chunks of citrus-marinated pork served with slices of sweet potato - was easier to ignore at \$9.50 than \$12.

At lunch you can get Peruvian pastas for \$6.50 to \$8.50 instead of \$8 to \$14, tomato-beer seafood stew for \$9.50 rather than \$14, and desserts for \$2 and \$2.50. Don't deny yourself the alfajores (\$2.50 at lunch, \$4 at dinner), a circular, shortbreadlike, caramel-filled cookie dusted with powdered sugar. If you're really lucky, your visit will coincide with the availability of that "rarely found in restaurants" dessert, mazamorra morada (\$2 at lunch, \$4 at dinner). I don't know how someone came up with the idea of purple gelatinous pudding made with sweet-potato flour, studded with bits of apple and pineapple, and spiced with cinnamon and cloves, but I'm happy they did. And I can pronounce it. ❖

La Furia Chalaca. 310 Broadway (at Third St.), Oakl. (510) 451-4206. Thurs.-Mon., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Wed., 6-10 p.m. American Express, Diner's Club, Master-Card, Visa. Wheelchair accessible.

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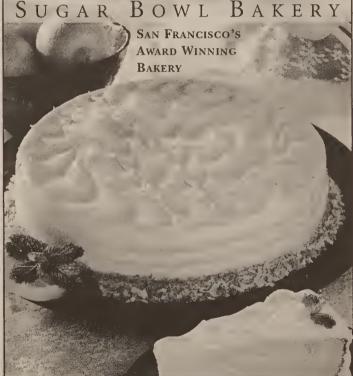
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The skinny Restaurants are reviewed by Dan Leone (D.L.), Paul Reidinger (P.R.), Derk Richardson (D.R.), Stephanie Rosenbaum (S.R.), Eric Stephan (E.S.), Miriam Wolf (M.W.), or staff. All area codes are 415 and all restaurants are wheelchair accessible, except where noted.

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Miss Millie's has quietly become one of the best restaurants in Noe Valley. Lots of Latin American flourishes in its pan-ethnic comfort menu, and still a great place for brunch. (P.R., 12/00) 4123 24th St. (at Castro), S.F. 285-5598 California, BR/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Recently reviewed

La Mooné rides a menu roller coaster from excellent to forgettable, but the best dishes (lamb tataki, beef rib eye) will leave you exclaiming. The second-floor space brings a welcome serenity. (P.R., 12/00) 4072 18th St. (at Castro), S.F. 355-1999. Fusion, D, \$\$, MC/V. tro), S.E. 355-1999. Fusion, D, \$\$, Mc/V. Sushi Groove South continues the westward march of hipsterdom through SoMa. The food—traditional sushi augmented by quietly stylish fusion dishes — is spectacular. The setting—a candlelit grotto abrim with black-clad young—is charged with high romance. (P.R., 12/00) 1516 Folsom (at 11th), S.E. 503-1950. Japanese/sushi, L/D, \$, AE/DC/MC/V. Wasabi and Ginger looks to become a popular
— and long-running — neighborhood spot.
The sushi is first-rate, but the great stuff on
the menu is cooked: buttery-tender beef short ribs and a seafood-miso soup served in a teapot. (P.R., 1/01) 2299 Van Ness (at Vallejo), S.F. 345-1368. Japanese, L/D, \$, MC/V.

On the cheap: burgers at fancy places

town, but be prepared for scads of yuppies and lots of noise. Fab burger, too. (P.R., 10/00) 901 Cole (at Carl), S.F. 566-3063. Fusion, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Moose's is famous for the Mooseburger - an estimable patty of ground beef with fine fries

— but the rest of the menu is comfortably sophisticated, with touches from all around the Mediterranean. The crowd is moneyed but not showy and definitely not nouveau. (P.R., 10/99) 1652 Stockton (at Union), S.F. 989-7800. American, BR/L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V. Zuni The old standbys are reliable, though the

famous burger could do with a bit less focac-cia, and the oddly greasy Caesar salad is far from the best in town. The best dishes are Ital-ian in their simplicity and pureness. (P.R., 7/99) 1658 Market (at Franklin), S.F. 552-2522. California, B/L/D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

### Downtown, Embarcadero

Anjou is the *other* restaurant on Campton Place
— a lovely little warren of brick and brass serving an unpretentious, and sometimes inventive, French bistro menu. (P.R., 11/98) 44 Campton Place (at Stockton), S.F. 392-5373. French, I./D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

**B44** brings Daniel Olivella's Catalan cooking to al fresco-friendly Belden Place. The salt cod-studded menu is stronger in first than main dishes. Frenchy desserts. (P.R., 3/00) 44 Belden Place (near Pine), S.F. 986-6287. Catalan, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Boulevard This creation of hot chef Nancy Oakes has a casually elegant art nouveau decor by designer Pat Kuleto. The food, too, is hot, including on one night a terrific grilled ahi tuna with a gingery salsa and shoestring potatoes. (Staff) 1 Mission (at Steuart), S.F. 543-6084. American, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V. **Chaya Brasserie** brings a taste of L.A.'s preen-and-be-seen culture to the waterfront. The Japanese-influenced French food is mostly French, and very expensive, while a handsome sushi bar tucked into a far corner offers great stuff at good value. (P.R., 4/00) 132 the Embarcadero (at Mission), S.F. 777-8688. Fusion, D, \$\$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Cosmopolitan Cafe is certainly cosmopolitan but hardly a cafe. Its high arched ceiling and abundance of rich wood paneling make it seem like a huge Pullman car. The New American menu emphasizes heartiness, from a huge pork chop with spatzle and roasted zin fandel onions to strips of rainbow trout served on a very substantial rock shrimp hash. A mixed-berry shortcake is a fine twist on an old dessert standard. (P.R., 9/00) 121 Spear (at Howard), S.F. 543-4001. American, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Elisabeth Daniel combines, like a Swiss watch, elegance, precision, and beauty, and the result is one of the best restaurants in the city. The food is haute but limber French, the interior design gracefully muted, the service of the highest order. Extremely pricey. (P.R., 3/00) 550 Washington (at Montgomery), S.F. 397-6129. French, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

Fifth Floor returns George Morrone to the city's restaurant scene in high style — literally. The restaurant, on the fifth floor of the Palomar Hotel, feels plushly art deco. The food hovers somewhere between hearty and lavish, ranging from roasted baby chicken with bay and fingerling potatoes to poached Maine lob-ster with white corn and vermouth essence. (P.R., 10/99) 12 Fourth St. (at Market), S.F. 348-1555. California, D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

First Crush goes the average wine bar one bet-ter: it's also got an excellent full-service restau-rant in the basement — a stylish grotto done up in hues of grape and sun. The food marches from the kitchen like a well-trained brass band; the flavors are big and direct, to match all those California wines. (P.R., 4/99) 101 Cyril Magnin (at Ellis), S.F. 982-7874. California, D, \$\$, AE/DISC/MC/V.

Fleur de Lys There's a definite midnight-at-

the-oasis feel to this sophisticated and very formal restaurant. For a sublime experience, order one of the multicourse prix fixe meals, available in both omnivorous and vegetarian styles. (Staff) 777 Sutter (at Taylor), S.F. 673-779. French, D, \$\$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V. **Globe** has been taken up with a vengeance by everyone from racehorse-skinny society ladies to local foodies, even the mayor. But the impeccable bistro-style food — baked shrimp and scallops, rotisserie chicken — is worth the crush. Open for dinner till 1 a.m. (S.R., 8/97) 290 Pacific (at Bush), S.F. 391-4132. American, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Kokkari is an upscale but authentic taverna beamed ceilings, blazing fireplace, and that fa-mously gesticulative Greek hospitality. Chef Jean Alberti's food alternates smoothly be tween classic dishes and California-Hellenic turns, such as grilled tuna with oregano pesto. (P.R., 5/99) 200 Jackson (at Front), S.F. 981-0983. Greek, L/D, \$\$\$. AE/DC/MC/V.

Kyo-Ya may not be the best Japanese restau rant in the city, but it's certainly one of them. Elegantly padded surroundings, sublime sushi, and a wide selection of cooked dishes attract an international mercantile class. Love ly all the same. Expensive too. (P.R., 1 f/99) 2 New Montgomery (at Market), S.F. 512-1111

Japanese, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V. **Ponzu** opened early in 2000 but is likely to be remembered as one of the year's best new restaurants. Its menu ranges across south Asia with stylish agility — tangy Vietnamese carpaccio, Mongolian lamb loin, cilantro-charged monster noodles — at strikingly reasonable prices. The décor manages to be warm, bright, and modern without going over the top. (P.R., 2/00) 401 Taylor (at O'Farrell), S.F. 775-7979. Asian, B/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Postrio Wolfgang Puck's venerable outpost in the city still sparkles. Despite the drama of the setting, the food receives loving attention. Like an opera singer, the kitchen hits notes low and high with equal aplomb. Arty desserts. (P.R., 3/99) 545 Post (at Mason), S.F. 776-7825. California, B/BR/L/D, \$\$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Tadich Grill is the city's oldest restaurant (150 years and counting), and it still packs 'em in, specializing in seafood and most anything grilled. (Staff) 240 California (at Battery), S.F. 91-1849. Grill, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Tlaloc rises like a multistory loft on its Financial District Lane, the better to accommodate the hordes of suits crowding in for a moontime burrito-and-salsa fix. They serve a mean pip-ián burrito, and decent fish tacos. (P.R., 10/00) 525 Commercial (at Sansome), S.F. 981-7800.

Mexican, L/D, ¢, AE/MC/V.

Tu Lan has few luxuries except the food, which is a luxury to the wealthiest palate. Raw foods converge in salads and stir-fries that'll leave you wondering why your own cooking doesn't look as easy and taste as good. (Staff) 8 Sixth St. (at Market), S.F. 626-0927. Vietnamese, L/D, ¢.

### North Beach, Chinatown

Da Flora advertises Venetian specialties, but you won't find much in the way of seafood or risotto here. The pastas are tours de force of balance and composition, while notes from Central Europe (veal in paprika cream sauce) and points east (whiffs of nutmeg) creep into other fine dishes. (P.R., 4/99) 701 Columbus (at Filbert), S.F. 981-4664. Italian, D, \$\$, MC/V. Enrico's Sidewalk Cafe remains a classic seeand-be-seen part of the North Beach scene. The full bar and extensive menu of tapas, piz-zas, pastas, and grills make dropping in at any hour a real treat. (S.R., 5/98) 504 Broadway (at Kearny), S.F. 982-6223. Italian, L/D, \$\$, AE/

House of Nanking never fails to garner raves from restaurant reviewers and Bay Guardian readers alike. Chinatown ambience, great food, good prices. (Best Ofs, 1994) 919 Kearny (at Columbus), S.F. 421-1429. Chinese, L/D, ¢. Maykadeh Persian Cuisine is a great date restaurant, classy but not too pricey, and there are lots of veggie options both for appetizers and entrées. Khoresht bademjan was a delectable, deep-red stew of tomato and eggplant with a rich, sweet, almost chocolaty undertone. (E.S., 2/97) 470 Green (at Grant), S.F. 362-8286. Persian, L/D, \$, MC/V. Michelangelo Cafe There's always a line out-

side this quintessential North Beach restaurant, but it's well worth the sidewalk time for Michelangelo's excellent Italian, served in a bustling, family-style atmosphere. The seafood dishes are recommended; approach the postprandial Gummi Bears at your own risk (Staff) 597 Columbus (at Union), S.F. 986-4058. Italian, D, \$\$.

Rose Pistola At Reed Heron's lively and up-

scale Rose Pistola, Italian is the cuisine on the table. There's plenty to choose from on this extensive menu — from small tapaslike treats

like house-cured fish or goat cheese and bresola crostini to roasted quail and crackling-crusted shrimp pizza. (S.R., 8/96) 532 Colum-bus (at Green), S.F. 399-0499. Italian, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Zax belongs to the group of top-flight mid-1990s neighborhood restaurants that were and are the best places to eat California cuisine. From a goat-cheese soufflé with apple-fennel slaw to braised lamb shank with pancettascented white beans, the food — fresh, precise, imaginative but not too — is the star. (P.R., 7/00) 2330 Taylor (at Columbus), S.F. 563-6266. California, D, \$\$, MC/V.

### SoMa

Asiasf Priscilla, Queen of the Desert meets Asian-influenced tapas at this amusingly surreal lounge. The inexpensive fusion food comes and goes (best bets: beef burger, spicy minced chicken), but the drag-queen bur-lesque spectacle draws a varied audience that's a show in itself. (P.R., 9/98) 201 Ninth St. (at Howard), S.E. 255-2742. Fusion, D, \$, AE/DC/

Azie Chef Jody Denton's menu is spit-andpolish, from a dazzling plate of nine bites (including a fabulous crab pot de crème) to such miraculous sauces as the tangerinecurry number that accompanies a batter-fried whole That snapper. (P.R., 1/00) 826 Folsom (at Fourth St.), S.F. 538-0918. Fu-sion, D, \$\$\$, AF/DC/MC/V.

**Basil** A serene, upscale oasis amid the industrial supply warehouses, Basil offers Cal ifornia-influenced Thai cuisine that's lively and creative. (S.R., 3/95) 1175 Folsom (at Eighth St.), S.F. 552-8999. Thai, L/D, \$, AE/

Big Nate's Barbecue is pretty stark inside mostly linoleum arranged around a pair of massive brick ovens. But the hot sauce will make you sneeze. (P.R., 7/99) 1665 Folsom (at 12th St.), S.F. 861-4242. Barbecue, L/D,

Bizou Chef-owner Loretta Keller's Provençal-influenced menu is big on flavor, from a pissaladière like flat bread topped with caramelized onions, cheese, and olives to grilled duck breast with slices of roasted peach. This restaurant is sure of itself; there is no overreaching. (P.R., 9/99) 598 Fourth St. (at Brannan), S.F. 543-2222. California, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

Le Charm is the perfect spot to settle into a padded banquette and order wine and lamb chops and lovely little crème caramels. (S.R., 2/98) 315 Fifth St. (at Folsom), S.F. 546-6128. French, L/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Chat House Bright murals mark this spot for coffee, late-night eats, or a casual lunch. Stop in for a bite before a show at the Coco Club, downstairs. (Staff) 139 Eighth St. (at Minna), S.F. 255-8783. California, B/L, ¢. Enzo's is worth finding, not just for the credible tiramisu (enhanced with raspberries) but also for the rest of the predictably zesty menu and the eminently fair prices. (P.R., 9/98) 510 Brannan (at Fourth St.), S.F. 974-3696. Italian, L/D, S, AE/MC/V. **Hawthorne Lane** If you want to feel virtuously cultured and coddled at the same time, take a spin through the galleries at SF-MOMA, then duck in for a late lunch at Hawthorne Lane, with its English-story-book decor. (S.R., 2/98) 22 Hawthorne Lane

Left Coast Cafe brings a breath of California freshness to the otherwise slightly antiseptic atrium of the Dolby Building. Healthy sandwiches (tuna, hummus), a decent Caesar, good mom-style cookies and brownies. (P.R., 10/00) 999 Brannan (at 9th), S.F. 522-0232. California, B/L, ¢, cash only.

(between Second and Third Sts., at Howard), S.F. 777-9779. California, L/D,

**LuLu** defines the modern California restaurant. Many dishes acquire a heart-swelling smokiness from the oven — a plate of portobello mushrooms, say, with soft polenta and mascarpone butter. (P.R., 7/99) 816 Folsom (at Fourth St.), S.F. 495-5775 Mediterranean, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

Maya is like a good French restaurant serving elegant food that tastes Mexican. There are unforgettable tastes here: corn kernels steeped in vanilla, lovely grilled pork tenderloin served with a pipian sauce of pumpkinseed and tamarind. (P.R., 5/99) 303 Second St. (at Folsom), S.F. 543-6709. Mexican, L/D, \$\$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

### Nob Hill, Russian Hill

Bistro Zaré, Hoss Zaré's latest venture, features a menu of herb-flecked sunshine that amounts to a tour of the eastern Mediterranean, from the signature arancini — saffron risotto balls stuffed with Gorgonzola — to a Greek salad dressed with a creamy garlic vinaigrette to salmon cakes delicately scented with curry. (P.R., 6/99) 1507 Polk (at Califor-nia), S.F. 775-4304. Mediterranean, D, \$\$, AE/

Crustacean is famous for its roast Dungeness crab, but the truly addictive item on the menu here is the plate of demure-looking garlic noodles. The rest of the "Euro/Asian" menu is re-freshingly Asian in emphasis. (P.R., 2/99) 1475 Polk (at California), S.F. 776-2722. Fusion, L/ D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Yabbies Coastal Kitchen There's lots to shuck and swallow at the raw bar, but don't miss tropical seafood cocktails (like the crab with tropical seatood cockatans (the the craw with mango and lemongrass) piled glamorously into martini glasses. Splendid porcini-seared sea bass, grilled sailfish, and scallops with truffled mushroom salad. Save room for the hot fudge sundae. (S.R., 397) 2237 Polk (at Green), S.F. 474-4088. California, D., \$\$, MC/V. Zarzuela's rich selection of truly delicious tapas and full meals make it a neighborhood favorite. (Staff) 2000 Hyde (at Union), S.F. 346-0800. Tapas, D, \$\$, DISC/MC/V.

### Civic Center, Tenderloin

Canto do Brasil The draw here is lusty yeoman cooking, Brazilian style, at beguilingly low prices. The tropically cerulean interior design, with fat comfy chairs, ceiling fans, and lots of plants enhances the illusion of sitting at a beach café. (P.R., 10/98) 41 Franklin (at Oak), S.F. 626-8727. Brazilian, L/D, \$, MC/V.

Jardinière combines an aggressively elegant Pat Kuleto design with the calm confidence of Traci des Jardins's cooking. The best dishes foie gras with pear gastrique and brioche, a dessert of mascarpone-stuffed crepes and sliced plums sautéed in muscat — are unforgettable. (P.R., 11/98) 300 Grove (at Franklin), S.F. 861-5555. California, D, \$\$\$, AF/DC/

Millennium Finally, a restaurant where you can toast your vegan friends in style. Phyllo purses stuffed with wild mushrooms and tofu ricotta and silky chocolate midnight cake are just a few of the organic, low-fat, and animal-free treats that will please both veggies and omni-vores alike. (Staff) 246 McAllister (at Larkin), S.F. 487-9800. Vegetarian, D, \$\$, DC/MC/V. paul K offers an eastern Mediterranean menu as good as any in town, at notably uninflated prices. The mountain flat bread alone (along with two kinds of hummus) is worth a visit, but the menu accelerates smoothly all the way to dessert, where a cardamom fritter casts new light on our old friend the doughnut. (P.R, 4/00) 199 Gough (at Oak), S.F. 552-7132. Mediterranean, D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V. Tavern on the Tenderloin gives students at the

California Culinary Academy a chance to serve real, paying customers, and for the most part re up to the challenge. The lunch deal (\$10.95 for three courses) is a good one, and the kitchen handles the more difficult cases, such as fish, with considerable skill and some art. Service can be erratic. (P.R., 7/99) 635 Polk (at Turk), S.F. California, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

Hayes Valley
Arlequin offers light Provençal and Mediterranean food for takeout, but the best place to take your stuff is to the sunny, tranquil garden in the rear. There's a nice version of croque monsieur, irresistible fried chickpeas, and, for oenophiles, an adjoining wine shop, Ampho-ra. (P.R., 3/00) 384B Hayes (at Gough), S.F. 863-0926. Mediterranean, B/L/D, ¢, MC/V. Bistro Clovis Long a beacon for those seeking a gently Parisian experience, this Market Street restaurant feels homey and welcoming. Standout dishes include a delicate trout galette, classic French onion soup, and a plump, silky haunch of rabbit. (S.R., 1/98) 1596 Market (at Page), S.F. 864-0231. French, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

Carta Restaurant and Bar The U.N. of restaurants — a different ethnic or regional menu every month — recently added the adjoining storefront space and is now twice as lovable. The three-course lunch deal is one of the best

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ones going. (P.R., 4/99) 1760 Market (at Octavia), S.F. 863-3516. World, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/

Destino reweaves traditional Peruvian flavors into a tapestry of extraordinary vividness and style, and the storefront interior has been given a golden glow that would have satisfied desserts include an irresistible, bùche-de-Noël-like "Latino lover." (P.R., 6/00) 1815 Market (at Guerrero), S.F. 552-4451. Peruvian,

Haves Street Grill still offers a workable formula: the best fish, prepared with conservative expertise and offered with a choice of sauce expertise and orieted with a choice of sade and excellent pommes frites. An old, reliable friend. (P.R., 4/99) 320 Hayes (at Franklin), S.F. 863-5545. Seafood, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/

Suppenküche has a Busvan for Bargains, butcher-block look that gives context to its German cuisine. If you like schnitzel, brats, German cuisine. If you like scrinitzet, brats, roasted potatoes, eggs, cheese, cucumber salad, cold cuts, and cold beer, you'll love it here. (P.R., 5/00) 601 Hayes (at Laguna), S.F. 252-9289. German, BR/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

Terra Brazilis Bistro The Brazilian menu

ranges from such traditional items as feijoada (the black-bean stew) to tuna loin, skewered on a sugar cane, then grilled. The restaurant's city-slick design is a warm, welcoming assemcty-snck design is a warm, welcoming assemblage of exposed brick, honey-colored wood, and plate glass. (P.R., 1/00) 602 Hayes (at Laguna), S.F. 241-1900. Brazilian, BR/D, \$\$, AE/CB/DISC/MC/TM/V.

### Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park

Alice's sits on an obscure corner of outer Noe Valley, but the Chinese food is reliably fresh, tasty, and cheap. The decor is surprisingly elegant, too: Wedgwood place settings and displays of blown glass. (P.R., 7/00) 1599 Sanchez (at 29th St.), S.F. 282-8999. Chinese, L/D, \$,

**Amberjack Sushi** is like a miniature version of Blowfish or Tokyo Go Go. The more complex dishes, such as a tuna-sashimi tartare with lemon olive oil, are better than the simple, tra ditional stuff, which can be overchilled. Fine service, moderate prices. (P.R., 1/00) 1497 Church (at 27th St.), S.F. 920-1797. Japanese,

L/D, \$, AE/MC/V. **Bacco** breathes north-Italian authenticity, from the terra-cotta-colored walls to the tradi-tional but vivid veal preparations. One of the best neighborhood Italian restaurants in town. (P.R, 7/00) 737 Diamond (at 24th St.), S.F. 4969. Italian, D, \$\$, MC/V.

**Cafe J** keeps a low decorative profile, but the Basque dishes really rock. The pariatta — a reinterpretation of seafood paella, seasoned with ginger and cilantro — is one of the best restaurant dishes you're likely to eat in this town. And the Basque-style mussels aren't far behind. (P.R., 11/00) 1708 Church (at 29th St.), S.F. 970-1095. French/Basque, D, \$\$, MC/V. Chenery Park is the restaurant Glen Park has been waiting for all these years: a calm, under-stated setting (lots of stairs!) and an eclectic American menu with plenty of sly twists. A worthy addition to the city's array of first-class neighborhood restaurants. (P.R., 11/00) 683 Chenery (at Diamond), S.F. 337-8537. American, D, \$\$, MC/V.

Firefly One of the best of S.F.'s neighborhood restaurants, Firefly promises an innovative (Medi/Asian), perfectly prepared meal. The menu rotates each week and could include bayou gumbo, shrimp and scallop dumplings, or vegetarian cassoulet. Whatever entices you, be sure to save room for dessert. (Staff) 4288 24th St. (at Douglass), S.F. 821-7652. American, D. \$\$, AE/MC/V

Firewood Cafe Firewood serves up food that's trendy but tasty, hip without being weird, familiar but still a must-have. Delicious thin, chewy-crusted pizzas, four kinds of tortellini, rotisserie-roasted chicken, and big bowls of salad. (S.R., 2/97) 4248 18th St. (at Diamond),

S.F. 252-0999. Italian, L/D, ¢, MC/V. Incontro serves up Italian classics in a converted Castro Victorian with levels and staircases and tables all over the place. Nifty small touches breathe new life into standard dishes: a splash of brandy with the eggplant and prosciutto in the veal saltimbocca, an uncluttered

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combination of shrimp and crab in the seafood ravioli. (P.R., 10/99) 4230 18th St. (at Diamond), S.F. 437-6722. Italian, D, \$, MC/V. Diamond), S.F. 437-6722. Italian, D. \$, MC/V. **Legume** brings a stylish vegetarian menu to the heart of Noe Valley. Goat cheese enlivens many of the dishes; fresh produce, much of it organic, does the rest. (P.R., 8/00) 4042 24th St. (at Castro), S.F. 401-7668. Vegetarian, B/L/

N, N. MC/V.

Nirvana True to its name, pan-Asian noodle house Nirvana offers a peaceful respite from busy Castro streets. Although noodles make up the bulk of the menu, there's also a list of entrées that range from stir-fried jicama to grilled lemongrass chicken. (S.R., 6/98) 544 Castro (at 18th St.), S.F. 861-2226. Pan-Asian, L/D. \$. MC/V.

2223 could easily be a happening queer bar, what with all that male energy. But the American menu joins familiarity with high style, and the ambience is that of a great party where you're bound to meet somebody hot. (P.R., 10/00) 2223 Market (at Noe), S.F. 431-0692. American, BR/D, \$\$,

Valentine's Cafe still packs them in after five years and despite an increasingly competitive environment. The best dishes — and that's most of them — are meatless in origin: dal, linguine puttanesca (with only the anchovies omitted), black-bean quesadillas. Surprisingly bewitching desserts. (P.R., 8/00) 1793 Church (at 30th St.), S.F. 285-2257. Vegetarian, BR/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

**Zodiac Club** numbers quite a few local chefs among its patrons, and that ought to tell you something ahout the quality of the eastern Mediterranean-influenced food, Lots of lamb, imaginatively handled, in a way-cool atmosphere of ultraviolet light. Another plus: not much price inflation. (P.R., 3/00) 718 14th St. (at Church), S.F. 626-7827. California, D, \$\$,

### Haight, Cole Valley, **Western Addition**

Alamo Square With its appealing but unfussy decor, welcoming service, and gentle prices. Alamo Square is an archetype for the "good little place aroun! the corner." Five different kinds of fish are offered next to three cooking techniques and five sauces. (S.R., 4/98) 803 Fillmore (at Grove), S.F. 440-2828. Seafood, D,

Ali Baba's Cave Veggie shish kebabs are grilled fresh to order, the hummus and baba ghanoush are subtly seasoned and deli-cious. (Staff) 531 Haight (at Fillmore), S.F. 255-7820; 799 Valencia (at 19th St.), S.F. 863-3054. Middle Eastern, L/D, ¢, MC/V. **Asqew Grill** reinvents the world of fine fast food on a budget with skewers, served in under 10 minutes for under 10 bucks. The interior design is a little drab, but with the Haight Street scene parading by the windows, you'll never notice. (P.R., 6/99) 1607 Haight (at Clayton), S.F. 701-9301. California, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Brother-in-Laws Bar-B-Cue always wins the "Best Barbecue" prize in our annual Best of Bay edition: the ribs, chickens, links, and brisket are smoky and succulent; the aroma sucks you in like a tractor beam, (Staff) 705 Divisadero (at Grove), S.F. 931-7427. Barbecue, L/D, \$. Caffe Proust feels a bit like a graduate-student

lounge, with a decent Italian-influenced menu priced as if it were 10 years ago. The "Proust" fries are unbelievably good — far and away the best in town. (P.R., 6/00) 1801 McAllister (at Baker), S.F. 345-9560. Italian, BR/D, \$, AE/ MC/TM/V

Ganges spices its savory vegetarian Indian fare with a very liberal hand. The menu changes often to take advantage of seasonal vegetables and the creativity of the chef. (Staff) 775 Frederick (at Willard), S.F. 661-7290. Indian, D, \$,

Grandeho's Kamekyo Sushi Bar Always packed, Grandeho serves up excellent sushi along with a full Japanese menu. The speciality rolls are excellent; if you're straying from the raw fish, good choices include yam noodle salad and chicken yakitori. (Staff) 943 Cole (near Carl), S.F. 759-5693. Japanese, L/D, \$\$,

Kate's Kitchen is a clean and cozy storefront breakfast-and-lunch spot that dishes up the best scallion-cheese biscuits out west. The lines on the weekends are just as long as they are down the street at Spaghetti Western. (Staff) 471 Haight (at Fillmore), S.F. 626-3984. American, B/L, ¢

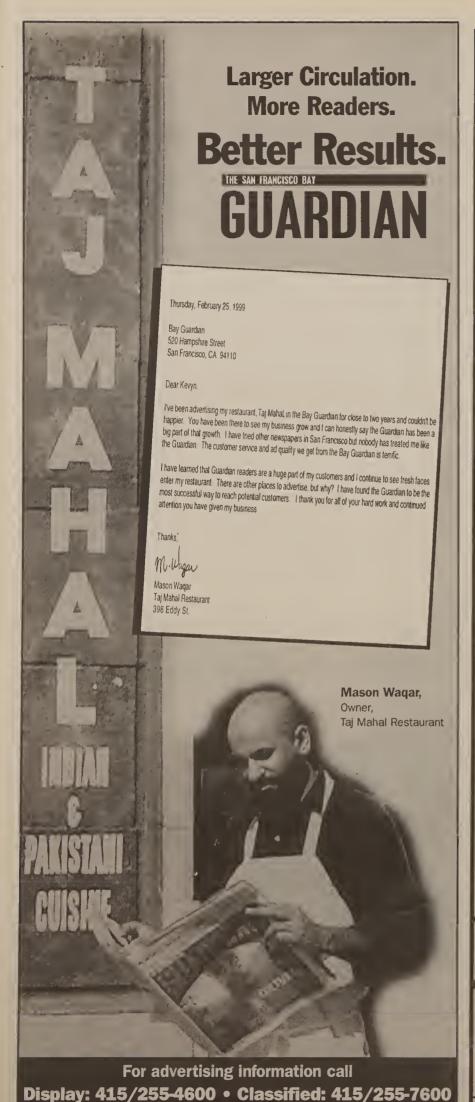
Magnolia Pub and Brewery A mellow atmosphere and beers that taste distinctly hand-crafted make great accompaniments to burg-ers, chicken wings, ale-steamed mussels, pizcas, along with some unexpected Cali fusion like grilled soy-sesame eggplant with green onion rice fritters. (S.R., 12/97) 1398 Haight (at Masonic), S.F. 864-PINT. Brew pub, BR/L/ , \$, AE/MC/V

Massawa Everything at this homey Eritrean restaurant— even the vegetarian stuff— wa great. The tsebhi-derho (dark-meat chicken) was still on the bone and smothered in a tomato-based sort of barbecue sauce. My favorite was kelwa — tender pieces of beef sautéed in "spiced clarified butter." (D.L., 12/97) 1538 Haight (at Ashbury), S.F. 621-4129. Eritrean, L/D, \$, AE/DC/MC/V.

**Metro Cafe** brings the earthy chic of Paris's 11th arrondissement to the Lower Haight, prix fixe and all. Chrome bistro chairs, veal in lemon sauce, rack of lamb, and croque mon sieur all have that City of Light feel, at notably moderate prices. (P.R., 10/00) 311 Divisadero (at Oak), S.F. 552-0903. French, B/BR/L/D, \$,

Red Sea Cafe offers fish and chips - but blow them off in favor of something spicy, Eritrean style, plucked from the plate with a segment of injera, the spongy, crepelike bread. Shiro, a paste of ground peas and berberé seasonings, will set a joyful blaze in your mouth; curried lamb is excellent. Dim atmospherics. (P.R.,

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### Mission, Bernal Heights, **Potrero Hill**

Al's Cafe Good Food Al's is the best dang diner in town. Everything here is great, from the home fries and eggs to the chili and burgers, and even the toast in between. (D.L., 3/98) 3286<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Mission (at 29th St.), S.F. 641-8445.

**Bistro E Europe** is probably the only place in town — and maybe the Bay Area — where you can sample the culinary llourishes of those European wanderers, the Gypsies, or, as those European wanderers, the Cypsies, or, as they call themselves, Roma. The basic cuisine is Hungarian: lots of paprika, sour cream, schnitzel, and of course, fried bread. A singular experience. (P.R., 8/00) 4901 Mission (at France), S.F. 469-5637. Hungarian/Gypsy, BR/I), \$\$, cash only.

Bitterroot resembles an Old West saloon (minus the swinging doors at the front), but the food is American classic — meat loaf, fried chicken, roasted pork loin, burgers — at very low prices. (P.R., 1/99) 3122 16th St. (at Valencia), S.F. 626-5523. American, B/L/D, \$

Bombay Ice Cream and Chaat You probably already knew Bombay on Valencia from the brilliant aroma of its market of imported Indian groceries, trinkets, and incense. You should also stop in for some Indian chaat cheap, delicious fast food like samosas and curries. (E.S., 2/98) 552 Valencia (at 16th St.), S.F. 431-1103. Indian takeout, L/D, ¢

**Bruno's** retains an alluring 1940s feel — lots of red leather booths, dim lighting, a discreet fornia-Italian, best when simple. Killer bom-bolini (fresh doughnuts). (P.R., 8/00) 2389 Mission (at 20th St.), S.F. 648-7701. Cal-Ital, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Cafe Arguello soothes jangled urban nerves with an airy space, votive candles, louvered bistro tables, a subtly impressionist paint obstot tables, a study impressionist paints scheme — and moderately priced Spanish food, from tapas to blockbuster paellas. The place to go when you want to indulge your spontaneity muse. (P.R., 10/00) 1499 Valencia (at 26th St.), S.F. 643-3160. Spanish, D, \$, AE/

Cafe Ethiopla It's basically a coffeehouse, serving all the same coffees and teas and Toranis as anyone else. It's just that they also have great, cheap Ethiopian food too. (D.L., 6/97) 878 Vaencia (at 20th St.), S.F. 285-2728. Ethiopian,

Cafe Rico brings a touch of European grace high draperies, Picardie glasses on the marble-topped tables — to a gritty stretch of 14th Street. All the food is prepared in ovens of one sort or another, and the menu has a lutching tharm, from the plate of nachos to rack of lamb with tomato-mint chutney. (P.R., 5/99)
233A 14th St. (at Natoma), S.F. 522-5353.
Eclectic, B/L/D, \$. AE/DC/MC/V.
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two to four bucks more if you eat it there. The vermicelli with tomatoes and basil and garlic (\$8) was pretty goddamn delicious. The spaghetti with clam sauce (\$9), on the other hand, was pretty goddamn weak. (D.L., 6/98) 300 Precita, S.F. 285-6005. Italian, L/D, \$, AF/

Il Cantuccio strikingly evokes that little trattoria you found near the Ponte Vecchio on your last trip to Florence. Lovely pastas, pizza, salads, and risottos, and a lethally good chocolate tart for dessert. (P.R., 11/00) 3228 16th St. (at Guerrero). 861-3889. Italian, D, \$, MC/V. Delfina If you like your restaurants loud, you'll love Delfina. Luckily the Tuscan-influenced dishes flirt with spectacular, as does the deceptively unassuming buttermilk panna cotta. (P.R., 1/99) 3621 18th St. (at Guerrero), S.F. 552-4055. California, D, \$\$, MC/V.

Foreign Cinema really does show foreign cinema, and the effect, in a semi-outdoorsy patio under transparent pavilions, is powerfully ro-mantic. The straightforward California cuisine is better than you'd expect. There's plenty of meat for carnivores; vegetarian dishes are a little thin. (P.R., 2/00) 2534 Mission (at 21st St.), S.F. 648-7600. California, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V. 42° still serves up a panoply of Mediterranean dishes as various and imaginative as you'll find

in the city. The free parking lot (behind the Esprit center) is the automotive equivalent of winning the lottery. The restaurant offers live jazz, so beware the noise. (P.R., 12/99) 235 16th St. (at Illinois), S.F. 777-5559. Mediterranean, D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/V.

Garibaldi Cafe Great service without the attitude and a wonderfully eclectic menu that often includes spicy pastas, grilled halibut, tandoori lamb, smoked chicken quesadillas and filet mignon with peppercorns. (Staff) 1600 17th St. (at Wisconsin), S.E. 552-332 California/Mediterranean, L/D, \$\$. AE/DC

Gordon's House of Fine Eats The menu divides into five flights, one of which, "local showcase," holds the most interest, including a fine fromage tart. The homemade s'more may not he the best in town, but it's among the biggest. (P.R., 6/99) 500 Florida (at Mariposa), S.F. 861-8900. California, L/D, \$\$\$,

Joe's Cable Car is the place where "Joe grinds his own fresh meat daily," and it shows. Fill up with a thick milkshake on the side, but skip the disappointing fries. (Staff) 4320 Mission (at Silver), S.F. 334-6699. American, L/D, \$,

Just for You My favorite Potrero Hill hole-inthe-hill, Just for You serves up generally excellent, meaty meals with a spicy, Louisianic tint to them. The best way to break your fast here is with the crab cakes. (D.L., 5/98) 1453 18th St., S.F. 647-3033. American, B/L, ¢.

The Liberties reinvents the Irish pub for millennial, digital times. The interior design evokes a 19th-century steamship; the foodmostly tasty, honest renditions of meat and potatoes — has an unmistakable masculine cast. Best bets: baby back ribs, fish and chips (P.R., 4/00) 998 Guerrero (at 22nd St.), S.F Irish, BR/L/D, \$, AE/DC/DS/MC/V.

**Liberty Cafe** specializes in simple, perfect food: a Caesar salad that outshines all others; the best chicken pot pie in the city; and downhome desserts even a bake sale in lowa couldn't beat. (S.R., 5/98) 410 Cortland (a Bennington), S.F. 695-8777. American, BR/L/D, \$-\$\$, AE/MC/V.

Luna Park bubbles over with the new Mission's nouveau riche, but even so, the food is exceptionally satisfying and not too expensive. Whether it's the grilled king salmon, the braised lamh shank, or the homemade s mores, you'll have to look hard to find anything amiss. (P.R., 8/00) 694 Valencia (at 18th S.F. 553-8584. Californian, L/D, \$, MC/V Mariachi's serves up its fare in a cheery pastel painted space, and its chalkboard menu feapineapple, and pesto. (E.S., 1/98) 508 Valencia (at 16th St.), S.F. 621-4358. Mexican, L/D, ¢. Mi Lindo Perû dishes up mom-style cooking, Peruvian style, in illimitable portions. The shrimp chowder is astounding. Lots of tapas, too. (P.R., 3/00) 3226 Mission (at Valencia), S.F. 642-4897. Peruvian, L/D, \$, MC/V.

Moki's Sushi and Pacific Grill serves imaginative specialty makis along with items from a pan-Asian grill in a small, bustling neighborhood spot. The kitchen's timing can some-times be erratic, but the fresh, flavorful food is Gates), S.F. 970-9336. Japanese, D, \$\$, AE/DC/

NeO The all-white decor is a bit odd, if sooth ing, but it does provide a clean backdrop for the kitchen's clarion flavors. Virtually every dish delivers the goods, from gnocchi dressed with rabbit Bolognese sauce to braised pork shank nestled in mashed potatoes with a simple pan-deglazed jus. (P.R., 12/99) 1007 Guerrero (at 22nd St.), S.F. 643-3119. Ameri-

can, D, \$\$, MC/V.

New Central Restaurant is the kind of place you'd find Richie and the Fonz hanging out if they were Latino. The kitchen serves Mexican comfort food, while ambience flows from the jukebox near the door. (P.R., 3/00) 399 South Van Ness (at 14th St.), S.F. 255-8247 or 621-

9608. Mexican, B/L, \$\pi\$, cash only.

North Star is younger sibling to Firetly and has the same sort of seamless menu. The food ranges from excellent hummus with grilled curried flat bread to a cheeseburger with fries, and the cetting is fluch with a quiet vellow. and the setting is flush with a quiet yellow beauty, like morning sunshine. (P.R., 3/99) 288 Connecticut (at 18th St.), S.F. 551-9840. Cali-fornia, BR/L/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Pancho Villa The best word for this 16th Street taqueria is big, from the large space to the jumbo-size burritos to the grand dinner plates of grilled shrimp. The only small thing is the price. (Staff) 3071 16th St. (at Valencia), S.F. 864-8840. Mexican, BR/L/D, ¢.

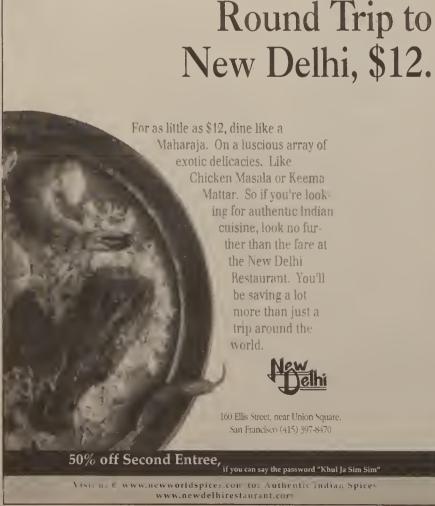
Pakwan has a little secret: a secluded garden out back. It's the perfect place to enjoy the fiery foods of India and Pakistan. A collection of old bureaus and settees in front lends a pleasant antique-store gloss. (P.R., 6/00) 3180 16th St. (at Guerrero), S.F. 255-2440. Indian/ Pakistani, L/D, ¢, cash only.

Potrero Brewing Co. offers nicely upscaled pub food to accompany its smooth, fresh microbrews. The sprawling outdoor terrace — a



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bow to the neighborhood's relatively sunny, warm weather — rivals that of MoMo's. (P.R., 6/99) 535 Florida (at Mariposa), S.F. 552-1967. American, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V. Rasoi The food here is milder than the fiery

south Indian curries, and it's very vegetarian-friendly. Slowly revolving ceiling fans give a pleasant illusion of heat even when it's freez-ing outside. (P.R., 4/99) 1037 Valencia (at 22nd 695-0599. Indian, D, \$, AE/MC/V. Scenic India Assuage your Indian food cravings with spicy chicken or lamb from the tandoori oven at this reasonably priced spot. (Staff) 532 Valencia (at 16th St.), S.F. 621-

226. Indian, D, \$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V. Slanted Door has bosted a food-oriented president, and with reason. Charles Pham's place gives a stylish California elaboration to the foods of Vietnam at prices that remain stub bornly reasonable despite huge popularity. If you want to walk in, try lunch, when the menu is more rustic. (P.R., 5/00) 584 Valencia (at 17th St.), S.F. 861-8032. Vietnamese, L/D, \$\$,

Slow Club keeps things simple and direct, and that's always a stylish way to do it. Lots of seasonality (pasta with asparagus and fava beans) and classic preparations (an unbelievably tangy lemon-meringue pie), in a cool, edgy postindustrial space. (P.R., 4/00) 2501 Mariposa (at Hampshire), S.F. 241-9390. California, BR/L/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Taquería Can-Cun serves up one of the best veggie burritos in town — delicious, juicy, and huge. (Staff) 2288 Mission (at 19th St.), S.F. 252-9560; 1003 Market (at Sixth St.), S.F. 864-6773. Mexican, L/D, ¢.

3Ring fills the space that used to be Val 21, and the food, now given south-of-France twists, is every bit as good. One killer dessert: the cheesecake, mounted on a chocolate crust and swabbed with a blueberry compote. (P.R. 11/99) 995 Valencia (at 21st St.), S.F. 821-3210. Provençal, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Ti Couz The menu of entrées here consists ex clusively of crepes — from light snacks to full meals, from sweet to savory — served up in a bright, boisterous café environment. (Staff)

3108 16th St. (at Valencia), S.F. 252-7373. Crepes, BR/L/D, \$, MC/V. **Tokyo Go Go** The simplest dishes are the best. Given the location and the thick crowds of people dressed in black, the noise level is surprisingly moderate. You can actually have a conversation here if you want to. (P.R., 3/99) 3174 16th St. (near Guerrero), S.F. 864-2288 Japanese, D,\$\$, MC/V. Universal Cafe As neighborhood secrets go,

Universal Cafe is a less well-kept one than most. Its cool industrial style harbors a Cali-Ital menu with such heartwarming dishes as cassoulet, fettuccine with grilled salmon and cassoulet, letter with grind samin and spinach, and crisp-crusted house pizzas. (S.R. 1/98) 2814 19th St. (at Florida), S.F. 821-4608. California, B/L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

La Villa Poppi feels like a Tuscan country inn. Each dish gets a little kiss of affectionate attention: fresh marjoram, say, in the risotto beneath poached halibut, or the sage butter in which the day's gnocchi takes its final turn. (P.R., 11/99) 3234 22nd St. (at Mission), S.F. 642-5044. Italian, D, \$\$\$, MC/V.

walzwerk bills itself as an "East German" restaurant, but don't be frightened: the food is fresh, clever, tasty, and surprisingly light. Firstrate Wiener schnitzel and chicken fricassee; surprisingly tasty salads: carrot and celery root; marinated tomato, cucumber and cauli-flower. The décor has a definite *Cabaret* edge. (P.R., 11/99) 381 S. Van Ness (at 15th), S.F. 551-7181. German, D, \$, MC/V

Watergate is beautifully appointed, in buttery paint and wallpaper and dark wood, and the food matches up, from stylish fole gras with verjuice and grapes to an earthy choucroute lightened up with slices of lean pork tender-loin. (P.R., 2/99) 1152 Valencia (at 22nd St.), S.F. 648-6000. California, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

### Marina, Pacific Heights

Aram's In this pretty brick courtyard space, start with the mixed mezze platter, then move on to artichoke risotto, grilled rack of lamb, or a wild mushroom-phyllo strudel. (S.R., 5/98) 3665 Sacramento (at Spruce), S.F. 474-8061. Middle Eastern, BR/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V. Bistro Aix is more California than Carcas-sonne. Thin-crust pizzas, good salads, tender grilled lamb, crackling-skinned roast chicken, pillowy garlic mashed potatoes, and fabulous ratatouille make the terror of parking in this

neighborhood at dinnertime almost worth it

(S.R., 5/98) 3340 Steiner (at Chestnut), S.F. 202-0100. California, D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V. Chez Nous fills the French slot in our town's tapas derby, and it does so with imagination, panache, and surprising economy. The menu features touches from around the Mediter-ranean, but much of the best stuff — croque monsieur, lamb chops with lavender salt – unmistakably Gallic. (P.R., 5/00) 1911 Fillmore (at Pine), S.F. 441-8044. French, L/D, \$,

Curbside Too, younger sibling to the Curbside Cafe, looks like a roadside greasy spoon. But come dinnertime the Mexican brunch influences melt into a sublime French saucefest. (P.R., 12/98) 2769 Lombard (at Lyon), S.F.

P321-4442. French, D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Dragon Well looks like an annex of the cavernous Pottery Barn down the street, but its traditional Chinese menu is radiant with fresh ingredients and careful preparation. Prices are modest, the service swift and professional. (P.R., 9/99) 2142 Chestnut (at Pierce), S.F.

474-6888, Chinese, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Elite Cafe A welcoming place. The menu has plenty of familiar Creole and Cajun favorites (blackened catfish, gumbo, jambalaya) along with more typical California fare (baby greens in balsamic vinaigrette, grilled salmon). (S.R., 2/98) 2049 Fillmore (at California), S.F. 346-8668. Cajun, BR/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Ella's serves breakfast, lunch, and supper, but brunch is the real destination at this friendly corner eatery. Start the day right with superla-tive chicken hash, great house-made breads, brandied French toast, and springy buttermilk pancakes. (S.R., 9/97) 500 Presidio (at California), S.F. 441-5669, American, B/BR/L/D, \$,

**Greens** is a vegetarian's fantasy of San Francisco. All the elements that made it famous are still intact: pristine produce, an emphasis on luxury rather than health, that gorgeous view. (M.W., 8/99; Restaurant Poll winner, 1995) Fort Mason Center, Bldg A, Marina at Laguna, S.F. 771-6222. Vegetarian, L/D, \$\$, D1SC/MC/V.

Meeting House ought to make anybody's list of ultimate neighborhood California restaurants The food is precise and hearty, the desserts all-American fantasies, the ambience a lovely bal-ance between old-fashioned and modern. (P.R., 9/00) 1701 Octavia (at Bush), S.F. 922-

6733. California, D, \$\$\$, AE/MC/D.

Mezes glows with sunny Greek hospitality, and the plates coming off the grill — pork souvlaki, marinated prawns — are terrific, though not huge. Bulk up with a fine Greek salad. (P.R., 6/00) 2373 Chestnut (at Divisadero), S.F. 409-7111. Greek, D, \$, MC/V.

Plump Jack Café If you had to take your parents to dinner in the Marina, this would be the place. A plush postmodern interior design, stylishly earthy food, and of course the famous wine list with its drastic discounts make PlumpJack a small but authentic jewel. (P.R. 4/99) 3127 Fillmore (at Filbert), S.F. 563-4755. California, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V. Rosti Getting half a chicken along with roasted

potatoes and an assortment of vegetables for \$7.95 in the Marina is cause for celebration in itself, Lots of antipasti, remarkably delicate homemade pastas, and good grills. (S.R., 2/97) 2060 Chestnut (at Steiner), S.F. 929-9300. Ital-ian, L/D, S, AE/DISC/V.

Saji Japanese Cuisine It would a crime not to eat the amazingly good raw fish here. Sit at the sushi bar and ask the resident sushi makers what's particularly good that day. As for the hot dishes, seafood yosenabe, served in a clay pot, is a virtual Discovery Channel of finned and scaly beasts, all tasty and fresh. (S.R., 1/98) 3232 Scott (at Lombard), S.F. 931-0563. Japanese, D, \$, AE/DC/MC/V.

**Sushi Groove** is easily as cool as its name. Behind wasabi-green velvet curtains, salads can be inconsistent but the sushi is impeccable, especially the silky salmon and special white tuna nigiri. (S.R., 5/97) 1916 Hyde (at Union), S.F. 440-1905. Japanese, D, \$, AE/DC/DISC/

Takara moves its high-quality Japanese food quickly, so if you need to catch a flick at the nearby AMC Kabuki, it's just the place. The menu offers plenty of sushi and sashimi, as well as udon, broiled items, and the occasional curiosity such as grated yam. (P.R., 9/00) 22 Peace Plaza #202 (Japan Center), S.F. 921-2000. Japanese, L/D, \$, MC/V.

**Trapdoor** If it's tapas American-style that you seek, then Trapdoor's the place. The eclectic American food is cheap and for the most part Continued on page 36















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very satisfying: a lovely chicken and dumpling stew, linguine with mussels and wild mush-rooms, an excellent cheeseburger. (P.R., 1/99) 3251 Scott (at Chestnut), S.E. 776-1928. Amer-ican, D. \$, AE/MC/V.

Via Vai The highly regarded Pane e Vino has opened a casual little sister named Via Vai, specializing in wood oven-fired pizzas and specializing in wood oven—fired pizzas and reasonably priced pastas. While the extensive menu may have few surprises, it's also solidly satisfying. (S.R., 4/98) 1715 Union (at Gough), S.F. 441-2111. Italian, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

**2AO Noodle Bar** manages the seemingly impossible: the food's good, cheap, fresh; the service is friendly; there's an inexpensive parking lot half a block away. (P.R., 8/99) 2406 California (at Fillmore), S.F. 345-8088. Asian, L/D, 4,

### Sunset

Bocca Rotis The Italian food in this lovely West Portal space can be memorable, especially the desserts, which are reliably fine. If in doubt, stick to pasta over roast chicken. (P.R., 10/98) 1 West Portal (at Ulloa), S.F. 665-9900. Italian, BR/L/D, \$\$, MC/V.

Cafe for All Seasons reflects the friendly vibrance of its West Portal neighborhood. Everyone is welcome, from grandparents to small children to big fuzzy bears on a date. The California comfort food doesn't set off fireworks, but it's reliably good and fresh. The perfect place to go with your parents. (P.R., 5/00) 150 West Portal (at Vicente), S.F. 665-0900. California, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

**Einstein's Cafe** is a colorfully quirky spot run by Youth Industry, the nonprofit group that creates businesses to give "on-the-job training to inner-city youth." It makes amazing homemade bread, gigantic real-stuff salads, and soups of the days. (D.L., 9/97) 1336 Ninth Ave (between Judah and Irving), S.F. 665-4840. American, L/D, ¢. **Hote**i is a marvel of great Japanese fare com

bined with efficient, accommodating service Four types of noodles are the foundation around which swirl lively broths, each topped with compelling ingredients, such as delicate tempura, fresh seafood, tofu, or sliced beef. (Staff) 1290 Ninth Ave. (at Irving). 753-6045. Japanese, L/D, ¢, AE/DC/MC/V.

House on Ninth An intimate, low-ceilinged entrance area opens into a spacious, dramatically proportioned room lit with skylights. Small plates work the Asian-fusion theme best here, like grilled scallops with mango salad and green bean tempura. (S.R., 5/97) 1269 Ninth Ave. (at Irving), S.F. 682-3898. Fusion, L/D, \$\$,

Marnee Thai A friendly, low-key neighborhood restaurant that just happens to serve some of the best Thai food in town. The kitchen turns out such unusual dishes as a fresh corn-cakes appetizer and curried fish mousse wrapped in banana leaves. (Staff) 2225 Irving (at 23rd Ave.), S.F. 665-9500. Thai, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

Masala means "spice mixture," and spices aplenty you will find in the south Asian menu. Don't miss the chicken tikka masala, and be sure to order plenty of nan to sop up the sauce with. (P.R., 11/00) 1220 Ninth Ave. (at Lincoln), S.F. 566-6976. Indian/Pakistani, L/D, \$, AE/DC/DS/MC/V.

Organica This may be the only restaurant of its kind in the Bay Area — an upscale "live food" restaurant, where none of the healthy vegan cuisine is cooked. (Staff) 1224 Ninth Ave. (at Lincoln), S.F. 665-6519. Vegetarian, L/

Park Chow Eclectic home cooking with style, at habit-forming prices. Chow could probably thrive on its basic dishes, like the burger royale with cheese (\$6.95), but if you're willing to spend an extra five bucks or so, the kitchen can really flash you some thigh. (P.R., 10/98) 1240 Ninth Ave. (at Lincoln), S.F. 665-9912. California, BR/L/D, \$, MC/V.

P.J.'s Oyster Bed Of all the U.S. regional cultures, southern Louisiana's may be the most beloved, and at P.J.'s you can taste why. (Staff) 737 Irving (at Ninth Ave.), S.F. 566-7775. Seafood, L/D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

**Pomelo** The chefs in this itsy-bitsy restaurant serve up big portions of Asian- and Italian-in-spired noodle dishes. If you need something quick, cheap, and fresh, pop in here. Lunch is less crowded than dinner. (Liz Hille, 6/00) 92 Judah (at 6th Ave.), S.F. 731-6175. Noodles, L/

D, \$, cash only.

Prevot's serves a dud-free French-Italian menu with lots of traditional favorites spaghetti Bolognese, sole meunière — along with a few vegetarian offerings, such as pumpkin ravioli. Desserts emphasize boozy sauces. (P.R., 12/98) 400 Dewey (at Woodside), S.F. 661-9210. Continental, D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/

Tennessee Grill could as easily be called the Topeka Grill, since its atmosphere is redolent of Middle America. Belly up to the salad bar for huge helpings of the basics to accompany your meat loaf or calf's liver. (P.R., 7/00) 1128 Taraval (at 22nd Ave), S.F. 664-7834. American, B/L/D, \$, MC/V.

Yum Yum Fish is basically a fish store: three or four little tables with fish-print tablecloths under glass, fish-chart art along the wall, and fish-price signs all over the place. (D.L. 10/98) 2181 Irving (at 23rd Ave.), S.F. 566-6433.

### Richmond

Al-Masri suggests, in food and ambience, the many influences that have swept across the Nile delta: feta cheese and olives from Greece, or a quasi-Indian stew of peas and tomatoes, served with basmatı rice. It's all pretty wonderful, and reasonably priced. (P.R., 2/00) 4031 Balboa (at 41st Ave.), S.F. 876-2300. Egyptian, D, \$, AE/DS/MC/V.

Biru Biru adds a bit of hipster luster to the inner Richmond's restaurant row along Balof mint in a spider roll, say. A good sound-track, too. Worth discovering. (P.R., 7/00) 446
Balboa (at Fifth Ave.), S.F. 933-7100. Japanese, D, \$, MC/V.

Cafe Riggio will slake anyone's cravings for classic Italian comfort food. Prices are moderattractive in a well kept-up 1970s style. Two fine dishes: veal scallops, Milanese style, and the criminally rich brownie. (P.R., 2/00) 4112 Geary (at Fifth Ave.), S.F. 221-2114. Italian, D,

Chapeau! serves some of the best food in the city — at shockingly reasonable prices. The French cooking reflects as much style and imagination as any California menu, and the service achieves an almost Masa's-like precision. (P.R., 10/98) 1408 Clement (at 15th Ave.), S.F. 750-9787. French, D, \$\$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Clement St. Bar and Grill The high-backed booths spell romance at this always crowded spot. Grilled fish dishes snap with flavor, and there are always a couple of delicious-sounding vegetarian options. (Staff) 708 Clement (at Eighth Ave.), S.F. 386-2200. American, L/D, \$–\$\$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

Clémentine offers comfortable sophistication at a fair price. The pain perdu — brioche French toast dusted with powdered sugar and accompanied by apple compote and hazelnut ice cream — is one of those desserts that you'll remember eating 10 years later. Go for the free valet parking. (P.R., 3/99) 126 Clement (at Second Ave.), S.F. 387-0408. French, BR/D, \$\$,

Oong Hue serves a Vietnamese menu untouched by California faddishness. Plenty of seafood, especially shrimp, is on offer, but there's lots of meat and poultry, too, including rich five-spice chicken. Clean, spare surroundings; very swift service. (P.R., 5/00) 2110 Clement (at 22nd Ave.), S.F. 221-1880. Vietnamese, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Mai's Restaurant On the basis of the hot-andsour shrimp soup with pineapple alone, Mai's deserves a line out the door. (D.L., 3/97) 316 Clement (at Fourth Ave.), S.F. 221-3046. Vietnamese, L/D, ¢, AE/DC/MC/V.

Mandalay Restaurant features reasonably priced Burmese food like fish chowder, mango chicken, and ginger salad. (D.L., 4/99) 4348 California (at Sixth Ave.), S.F. 386-3896. Burmese, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Natori fulfills the dreams of those who crave sushi but can never get enough. Here it's all you can eat; you'll get enough. It's good, too, though not fancy. Plenty of other Asian dishes are on offer, from kimchee to pork-fried rice. (P.R., 4/00) 327 Balboa (at Fourth Ave.), S.F. 387-2565. Japanese, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V. Okina Sushi is resolutely discreet and old-

fashioned, from the bamboo screens on the windows to the simple wood bar at the back. Don't expect rolls with cute names: the star here is the fish, minimally adorned



and pristine. (P.R., 9/98) 776 Arguello (at Cabrillo), S.F. 387-8882. Japanese, D, ¢. Pacific Cafe serves simple, reliable seafood in an atmosphere redolent of 1974, when it opened. Lots of dark wood and faintly psychedelic glass in the windows; free wine while you wait. (P.R., 10/98) 7000 Geary (at 34th Ave.),

S.F. 387-7091. Seafood, D, \$\$, AE/DC/DISC/

Straits Cafe has a slightly campy faux-tropical decor, but its Singaporean menu is a kaleido-scope of mingled satisfactions. A touch of In-dian curry here, Thai coconut milk and kaffir lime there; masterful deployment of unusual ingredients all the way to a dessert of rice pudding in palm sugar syrup. (P.R., 8/99) 3300 Geary (at Parker), S.F. 668-1783. Singaporean, L/D, \$, AE/DC/MC/V.

Thai Time proves that good things come in little packages. The place is tiny, and the food is tremendous, especially the hor mok talay, a seafood medley in coconut red-curry sauce cooked in a coconut shell. Even more familiar Thai standards are rendered with force and verve. (P.R., 9/00) 315 Eighth Ave. (at Clement), S.F. 831-3663. Thai, L/D, \$, AE/

Traktir serves as a kind of town hall for the local Russian community, but the food has a distinct international flavor: dolma, feta-cheese salad, Georgian wine, curry-spiked pieces of cold chicken. For traditionalists, there's borscht, vareniki, and salyanka, the famous soup of sausage and pickles. (P.R., 8/00) 4036 Balboa (at 36th Ave.), S.F. 386-9800. Russian, D, \$, MC/V.

#### Bayview, Hunters Point, and south

Cable Car Coffee Shop Atmospherically speaking, you're looking at your basic downtown South San Fran. old-style joint, one that serves a great Pacific Scramble for \$4.95 and the most perfectest hash browns to be tasted. (D.L 3/98) 4231/2 Grand, South S.F. (650) 952-9533.

American, B/B/L, 4.
Cliff's Bar-B-Q and Seafood Some things Cliff's got going for him: excellent mustard greens, just drenched in flavorfulness; and barbecued you-name-it. Brisket. Rib tips. Hot links. Pork ribs. Beef ribs. Baby backs. And then there're fried chickens and, by way of health food, fried fishes. (D.L., 2/98) 2177 Bayshore (at Blanken), S.F. 330-0736. Barbecue, L/D, ¢, AE/DC/MC/V. Gravy's Gravy calls himself the "Gumbo Specialist," and he might be right. It goes for \$5 or 88, depending on how much you want — a lot, or a whole honkin-duty lot — and it includes shell-and-all crab chunks, bone-and-all chicken parts, and sausage and stuff. (D.L., 10/97) 2511 Geneva (at Pueblo), Daly City. 337-9122. Soul food, L/D, ¢.

JoAnn's Cafe and Pantry has gotten some word-of-mouth recommendations as a dive, but it serves upscale breakfasts with decided ly nondive sides like low-fat chicken basil sausage, bagels, and homemade muffins and scones. (D.L., 12/97) 1131 El Camino Real, South S.F. (650) 872-2810. American, B/L, \$ Outback Cafe is located way down in with all them warehouses at the end of Revere Street. I found the fare delectable. I got a double cheeseburger and a cup of soup. Don't let what I got fool you, though. This is gourmet stuff. (D.L., 7/94; Restaurant Poll winner, 1995) 1099C Revere (at Griffith), S.F. 822-

Peking Wok is a great Chinese dive in Bayview, right smack on the way to Candle stick. Not counting the 18 special combos for \$3.25–\$4.50, there are 109 items on the Peking Wok menu. At least 101 of them are under five bucks. (D.L., 1/99) 4920 Third St. (at Palou), S.F. 822-1818. Chinese, L/D, ¢. Soo Fong features good inexpensive Chinese food. For the heat-seeking diner, its fiery Szechuan specialties will hit the spot. Nice chow fun and other noodle dishes, too. (Staff) Bayview Plaza, 3801 Third St. (at Evans), S.F. 285-2828. Chinese, L/D, ¢. Yogurt Expressions The real stars here are the homemade pastries. The more health-con-

scious can choose from several smoothies and protein drinks. Pizza, sandwiches, and break-fast round out the menu. (Staff) Bayview Plaza, 3801 Third St. (at Evans), S.F. 642-9260. Café, B/L/D, ¢.

Young's Cafe A restaurant full of cheap, big, de-cent Chinese food, Young's serves up 15 rice dishes, most of them \$2.95, and 64 other standard Chinese things. Only four of those are

more than five bucks. (D.L., 12/97) 732 22nd St. (at Third St.) S.F. 285-6046. Chinese, L/D, ¢.

#### Berkeley, Emeryville, and north

Ajanta offers a variety of deftly seasoned regional dishes from the Asian subcontinent.

The harmonious ambience is rounded off by attentive service, and everything benefits from unique flavors and elegant presentation. (D.R. 11/98) 1888 Solano, Berk. (510) 526-4373. Indian, I/D, \$, AE/DC/DISC/MC/V.

Breads of India and Gourmet Curries The menu changes every day, so nothing is refrigerated overnight, and the curries benefit from obvious loving care. The daily offerings include one lamb, one chicken, and two vegetarian curries, as well as one tandoori specialty. (D.R., 10/97) 2448 Sacramento (at Dwight), Berk. (510) 848-7684. Indian, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Bobby's Backdoor Cajun BBQ has some of the best and cheapest barbecue in the Bay Area. And as good as the BBQ is, the best thing about Bobby's is the atmosphere: live Cajun music and blues, dancing, and a Ping-Pong table. (D.L., 1/99) 12891 San Pablo, Richmond. (510) 232-9299. Barbecue, L/D, ¢.

Café de la Paz Specialties include African-Brazilian "xim xim" curries, Venezuelan corn pancakes, garnachas de pollo, arepas, fried plantain, jalapeño cornbread, Ecuadoran stuffed potato cakes, grilled prawns, delicious black beans, and heavenly blackened seacakes served with orange-onion yogurt. (D.R., 10/98) 1600 Shattuck (at Cedar), Berk. (510) 843-0662. Latin American, BR/L/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

Café La Peña nurtures the spirit as much as it pleases the palate. Such hearty main dishes as Chilean lamb stew and paella reflect the kitchen's generosity more than its creativity with spices. (D.R., 6/98) 3105 Shattuck (near parts) and page 14 (210) 384 (246) 4464 (246) Action Acceptable. Prince), Berk. (510) 849-4846. Latin American, D, \$, DC/MC/V.

Café Tululah makes a strong bid for the week-end brunch trade with special scrambles, eggs Benedict, and an unusual corned beef hash. Ex-cellent sandwiches, inventive salads, and simple pasta dishes highlight the lunch menu. (D.R., 4/99) 2512 San Pablo (near Dwight), Berk. (510) 548-4697. Café/California, BR/L, ¢.

César You'll be tempted to nibble for hours from Chez Panisse–related César's Spanish-inspired tapas — unless you can't get past the ac dictive sage-and-rosemary-flecked fried potatoes. (D.R., 8/98) 1515 Shattuck (near Vine), Berk. (510) 883-0222. Spanish, D, \$, DISC/

Cha-Ya Everything chef-proprietor Atsushi
Katsumata makes, from the potstickers and nigiri sushi to the steaming bowls of udon, hews
to strict vegan standards. Don't miss the amazing things Katsumata does with tofu, whether deep-fried or topped with miso sauce in the dengaku. (D.R., 3/00) 1686 Shattuck (at Virginia), Berk. (510) 981-1213. Japanese Vegetaran, D, \$, MC/V

Christopher's Café on Solano Stylishly executed fusion cuisine, often combining Asian, Southwestern, and Mediterranean ingredients in a single dish. Almost every unusual combination works, with generous helpings smoothly delivered in beautiful presentations. (D.R., 4/99) 1501A Solano (at Curtis), Albany. (510) 525-1668. Fusion, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

La. Bayou serves up an astounding array of authentic New Orleans staples, including jambalaya, red beans and rice, sausage or oyster po-boys, (greaseless!) fried catfish, and homemade praines. (D.R., 2/99) 3278 Adeline (at Alcatraz), Berk. (510) 594-9302. Cajun/Creole, L/D, ¢–\$, MC/V.

**Lalime's** is a long-standing institution in East Bay haute cuisine culture, but there's nothing institutional about the attentive service or the creative and gorgeous dishes. Fixed-price din-ners are available weeknights along with an a la carte menu that changes monthly. (D.R., 4/00) 1329 Gilman (at Peralta), Berk. (510) 527-9838. French/Mediterranean, D, \$\$, AE/DC/

Mazzini is a sophisticated, reasonably priced winning combination — stylish, airy decor; smart, snappy service; and dinner dishes ranging from individual pizzas, rustic pasta, and sublime risotto to special wood oven-cooked fish, lamb, pork, and beef specialties. (D.R., 12/98) 2826 Telegraph (near Oregon), Berk. (510) 848-5599. Italian, L/D, \$-\$\$, MC/V. Minokichi Such dishes as zosui (rice porridge), hamachi nizakana (yellowtail and tofu with teriyaki sauce), and crisp, juicy hamachi kama

shioyaki (salted and broiled yellowtail neck) set Minokichi far apart from your standard udon and tempura houses. (D.R., 1/00) 1403 Solano (at Carmel), Albany. (510) 559-9988. Japanese, \$ AF/MC/V

La Note Unique egg dishes and pancakes, big luncheon salads, fancy baguette sandwiches, and hearty weekend dinners. We found it nearly impossible to find fault with either the rata touille with spicy merguez lamb sausage or the bow-tie noodles topped with grilled chicken breast strips. (D.R., 2/98) 2337 Shattuck (at Durant), Berk. (510) 843-1535. Country French, B/BR/L, \$\$, AE/MC/V. Rest rooms not wheelchair accessible.

Odyssia Caffe and Bistro Don't miss the legendary polenta fries, which come piping hot, dusted with Parmesan, and stacked like Lincoln Logs around a bowl of tomato-herb dipping sauce. (D.R., 7/97) 1849 Shattuck (at Hearst), Berk. (510) 849-1319. Mediterranean, B/BR/I/D, \$, MC/V.

Sam's Log Cabin Daily special egg scrambles, great griddle cakes and corn cakes, and exceptional scones and muffins top the morning fare, which also includes gourmet sausage and bacon, hot and cold cereals, and organic coffee. (D.R., 8/99) 945 San Pablo Ave. (at Buchanan), Berk. (510) 558-0494. American, B/L, ¢, no

Santa Fe Bar and Grill Entrées include grilled stuffed chicken with butternut squash risotto and seared sea bass, and any meal that starts with a great Caesar salad is headed in the right direction, even if you know the tolls are going to be steep. (D.R., 3/98) 1310 University (between Acton and Bonar), Berk, (510) 841-4740. California/Mediterranean, BR/L/D, \$\$, AE/DISC/MC/V.

Voulez-Vous distinguishes itself with its airy Voluez-Volus distinguishes itself with its arry Parisian-café setting and a diverse array of beautifully presented crepes and tarts. If those won't fill you up, you can start with one of the bountiful salads and finish up with one of the superb desserts. (D.R., 2/99) 2930 College (near Ashby), Berk. (510) 548-4708. French, I./ D, <-\$, AF/DC/DISC/MC/V.

Zachary's Chicago Pizza The stuffed pizza is simply out of this world — try the Zachary's special sometime. The fact that both Zachary's outlets are always busy speaks for itself. (Staff) 1853 Solano (at Fresno), Berk. (510) 525-5950; 5801 College (at Oak Grove), Berk. (510) 655-6385. Pizza, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V.

#### Oakland and Alameda

Alta Mar is a Veracruz-style seafood spot Camerones al mojo de ajo are butterflied and humming with garlic, while pescado frito lived up to the hype. (D.R., 3/97) 1060 E. 12th St. (at 11th Ave.), Oakl. (510) 893-5122. Mexican, L/D, \$,AE/DC/MC/V.

**Arizmendi** is a worker-owned bakery where bread rolls out in seemingly infinite varieties potato, Asiago, sesame-sunflower. The pièce de résistance is the daily thin-crust, tomato saucefree, vegetarian pizza. (D.R., 1/99) 3265 L'akeshore (at Mandana), Oakl. (510) 268-8849. Bakery, B/L/D, ¢. Not wheelchair accessible. **Asena Restaurant** Good dishes at Asena, a charming Med/Cal cuisine spot, include indi vidual pizzas, and grilled marinated lamb sir-loin in a burgundy-rosemary demi-glace. (D.R., 2/98) 2508 Santa Clara (at Park), Alame-da. (510) 521-4100. California/Mediterranean,

Le Cheval Shrimp rolls and peanut sauce, the fried Dungeness crab, the marinated "orange flavor" beef, the buttery lemon-grass prawns — it's all fabulous. (Staff) 1007 Clay (at 10th St.), Oakl. (510) 763-8495. Vietnamese, L/D, ¢,

Connie's Cantina fashions unique variations on standard Mexican fare — enchiladas, tamales, fajitas, rellenos, fajitas. (D.R., 9/98) 3340 Grand (near Mandana), Oakl. (510) 839-4986. Mexican, L/D, ¢, MC/V.

Garibaldi's on College focuses on Mediterranean-style seafood, from tantalizing appetizers (baked oysters, scallop ceviche) to perfectly done entrées (grilled swordfish, spaghetti with scallops and prawns). (D.R., 9/97) 5356 Col-lege (near Manilla), Oakl. (510) 595-4000. Mediterranean, L/D, \$\$, AE/MC/V.

Giglio combines a lively yet intimate café atmosphere with moderately priced thin-crust pizzas and wines, hearty pastas, and soups. (D.R., 9/98) 5427 College (at Kales), Oakl. (510) 594-0798. Italian, L/D, \$, AE/MC/V. Not wheelchair accessible.

Kandahar Chef-owner Daud Zaheer invests his

Afghan lamb, chicken, and vegetarian dishes

with big-time love and attention and presents them beautifully at bargain prices. (D.R., 11/99) 2118 Mount Diablo Blvd. (at Pacheco) Concord. (925) 676-2243. Afghan, L/D, \$, AE/

Mama's Royal Cafe Breakfast is the draw here — even just-coffee-for-me types might suc-cumb when confronted with waffles, French toast, pancakes, tofu scramble, huevos rancheros, and 20 different omelettes 5/98) 4012 Broadway (at 40th St.), Oakl. (510) 547-7600. American, B/L, ¢. Ninna You'll find steaks, duck breast, and pork

loin on the same menu as chicken in yellow curry, as well as such intriguing and successful fusions as penne pasta "pad Thai" style and veal "thaila." (D.R., 2/00) 4066 Piedmont (between 40th and 41st Sts.), Oakl. (510) 601-6441. Thai Fusion, L/D, \$–\$\$, MC/V.

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Organic Care and Macrobious Grocery 1 his down-home animal fesh-free zone proves that lentils, pinto beans, garbanzos, and greens have plenty of flavor, as well as nutrition, when they're prepared with loving care by the Organic Cafe's rotating crew of cooks. (D.R., 11/98) 1050 40th St. (at Adeline), Oakl. (510) 653-6510. Rest room not wheelchair acces Vegetarian, BR/L/D, \$, AE/D1SC/MC/V.

Original Kasper's Hot Dogs Occupying the same tiny triangle building since 1947, Harry Yaglijian's humble and supremely hospitable little stand has one item on the menu — the best hot dog in town. (D.R., 5/98) 4521 Telegraph (at Shattuck), Oakl. (510) 655-3215.

American, L/D, 4.

American, I/D, ©.

Restaurante Doña Tomás offers upscale versions of enchiladas (wild mushroom, zucchini, and goat cheese) and carnitas (Niman Ranch pork), as well as tantalizing chicken-limecilantro soup and bountiful pozole. (D.R., 10/99) 5004 Telegraph (near 51st St.), Oakl. (510) 450-0522. Mexican, BR/D, \$, AE/MC/V. Rockridge Café offers at least three good reasons not to eat hamburgers: bountiful break-fasts, a savory meat loaf special, and hearty, un-pretentious Acadian cassoulet. But the archetypal hand-crafted burgers, wide-cut fries, and typai nand-cranted burgers, wide-cut fries, and creamy, straw-clogging milkshakes remain the cornerstones of the menu. (D.R., 12/98) 5492 College (at Forest), Oakl. (510) 653-1567. American, B/L/D, \$, MC/V.

Sergio's Trattoria Servings are large and presented with no pretense; standards include plates of spaghetti alla Siciliana, carrettiera, puttanesca, or con polpettine (meatballs). (D.R., 1/98) 5299 College (at Bryant), Oakl. (510) 655-2869. Italian,D, \$\$, MC/V. Sophie's offers a limited, occasionally

changing menu of nouvelle French-inspired dishes, from pork tenderloin and duck à l'o-range to ginger-soy sea bass and Swiss chard ravioli. A good wine list and exceptional starters (seafood beignets) and desserts classic chocolate mousse, almond bread pudding) round off a completely satisfying experience. (D.R., 3/00) 4228 Park Blvd. (at Wellington), Oakl. (510) 482-5303. French, D, \$\$, MC/V.

Taqueria Ramiro and Sons typically has customers lined up to the door for (mostly takeout) burritos and tacos and quesadillas. The menu nods to contemporary tastes with black beans and spinach or tomato tortilla options. (D.R., 12/99) 2321 Alameda (at Park), Alameda, (510) 523-5071, Mexican, L/ D, ¢, no credit cards.

Tijuana serves big round bowls and plates teeming with shrimp, crab, octopus, and fish — in cocktails, salads, and soups. The place is usually packed and loud, but friendly servers, good salsa, and Mexican beer at \$2.50 a pop more than compensate for the noise. (D.R., 3/98) 1308 International Blvd. (at 13th Ave.), Oakl. (510) 532-5575. Mexican, L/D, \$, MC/V. Not wheelchair accessible.

Not wheelchair accessible. Tropix After a hunk of warm cornbread slathered in mango chutney, dig into a heap of spicy grilled jerk chicken, or wallow in the wonders of the shrimp pawpaw; curried vegtables and fat shrimp piled up over meltingly ripe papaya. (S.R., 5/98) 3814 Piedmont (at W. MacArthur), Oakl. (510) 653-2444. Caribbean, I/D, \$, AE/DC/MC/V, Patio not wheelchair accessible. wheelchair accessible.

Veronica's Regulars fill up the 23 seats for the daily specials of corned beef and cabbage or the spicy Friday barbecue, as well as huge por-tions of "gramma's" meat loaf, "Louisiana style" catfish, "Moon Shiner's mustard glazed" baked ham, and the few concessions to nou-velle tastes, like the chipotle chicken salad and portabello mushroom sandwiches. (D.R., 2/00) 1601 San Pablo (at 16th St.), Oakl. (510) 834-7161. American, L/D, ¢, DC/V/MC. .

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### 01 is the loneliest number

SFMOMA's "010101" site tours the ghosts in the machine. By Glen Helfand

ot all West Coast celebrations of New Year's Eve 2001 involved champagne, sloppy kisses, confetti, or the not quite ageless Dick Clark "live" via satellite from Times Square. At one minute after midnight PST, SFMOMA's techsavvy curatorial team marked what really seems to be a symbolic digital jackpot of a day: 01/01/01. At this singular moment, an automated hand flicked a switch and launched the online component of the museum's plugged-in millennium exhibition opening March 3, "010101: Art in Technological Times." This meant that that those with their browsers set on www.sfmoma.org at midnight were the first to get an overview of a much anticipated exhibition that promises to chart the ways artists respond to cultural and aesthetic shifts created by high tech. And they were also able to experience five projects commissioned specially for the Web.

It's difficult to imagine anyone throwing a New Year's shindig around this Internet debut: looking at a site is typically a party of one, and it continues to be difficult to navigate art sites in the traditional framework of art viewing. But conceptually, there's something very appealing about the notion of a timesensitive online art launch-opening. The Web does have astounding capabilities to reach mass audiences (as museums are trying hard to do these days) — even as the demonstrated failures of digital events (like Madonna's recent, very buggy streaming concert Webcast) dim our appetite for the collective e-experience.

The ambitious, information-packed, and visually striking "010101" site offers a lot to read and see: the Web-only pieces by British and American artists explore how the existence of the Net alters ideas about time, narrative, and trust, and the site attempts to provide a framework for tech art and related theoretical writing. It also offers a place for interactive dialogue with the public, a conversation that's charted with an evolving graphic representation that resembles a spiderweb. Soon the site will also offer streaming QuickTime tours of sites led by the artists themselves.

But it isn't free of the technical and philosophical problems that continue to dog Net art. Before getting to the actual artwork, I had to work through piles of technical, philosophical, and visual details: downloads, the user guide, introductory texts. The site is unified by a dazzling but complicated interface designed by San Francisco-based Perimetre-Flux. With layers of altered images, animated words, scrolling texts, and little pixels that crawl around the screen like digitized ants, it immediately suggests the rich, sometimes overwhelming nature of what technology has brought to modern life. It's a particular tech aesthetic that revels in complexity, and it doesn't always respond well to intuitive mouse clicking — or, I presume, slower modem connections.

It also doesn't fit the more comfortable commercial Web-design model, where an economy of clicks gets you to the checkout counter. Art is meant to be consumed more slowly and thoughtfully. But even recent habits, like how we Web surf, die hard. It requires a bit of

effort to get into the groove of this site, which seems to be interested in creating new exhibition paradigms. SFMOMA's almost on its own in this quest (though one of the others, the Walker Art Center, last year created a expansive Net project clearinghouse, Art Entertainment Network)

Says SFMOMA's site intro, "Neither art, nor those who make it, show it, or look at it can ever be the same again." But can the pieces herein live up to that hyperbole? They can be easily classified into two digital-art camps: those that are informed by the computer's seductive ability to form eye candy and addictive computer games with overly complex back stories, and those that engage with the more intellectualized practice of deconstructing Web programming and behavioral conventions.

In the eye-candy corner, there's Eden. Garden 1.0, a work by Entropy8Zuper! (Auriea Harvey and Michael Samyn), the collaborative team that won last year's SFMOMA Webby Prize for Internet art. The piece employs clunky, commercial-style 3-D renderings of the attractive artists, as they stumble nude through bucolic computer-generated landscapes with a Noah's Ark's worth of animals. The creatures are somehow — it's unclear exactly - unleashed by the user's Godlike keyboard input. The biblical allusion's not exactly subtle, and the piece in general lacks the rich visual punch of their other work.

Matthew Ritchie, who also works with painting and installation, fares better in the game-style arena. His "cross media" project, The New Place, is billed

in the wall label-like explanatory introduction as "a preview of things to come in the interactive domain." If this is the case, we can look forward to mutable narratives and filmlike animations. Ritchie creates stylized landscapes and characters that explode into dancing mosaics of color and irregular shapes. The sequences resemble classic Japanese watercolors that morph into anime with a quirky cast of symbolic characters — a golem, an actress, and an astronaut among them. It's all rather beautiful, and its narrative is thick, appealing to those who like their fictional universes intricate and insular.

The Web deconstruction projects, steeped in more everyday tech vernacular, may click with a different type of user. Mark Napier, who typically engages with rerouting Web code to create interesting abstractions — ignoring HTML tags to create a visual chaos - here advances his practice with a work called Feed. He sets up a browser that, its introduction explains, "unravels the Web." When you choose a preselected URL, you'll see another version of the information downloading through a different filter. Instead of seeing the intended content of www.sexy.com, we see a hypnotic display of shifting colors, blinking pixels, and abstracted text. While visually appealing, it has a basic computer look: the colors are standard and the shapes are generally rectangular. You won't forget you're staring at your computer screen.

It's more difficult to gauge what's going on with Erik Adigard's Timelocator, a busy excursion into corporate critique filled with graphic icons, conglomerate links (pacbell.net, schwab.com), and archly appropriated banner ads. It's a media overload situation that doesn't really rise above the fray. To its credit, the piece does raise many questions about time and technology, but as with many of the pieces on the site, you get the feeling you may be missing something. Adigard's introductory text, for example, is more confounding than clarifying: "As a visitor logs in time, is recorded and juxtaposed to the server's time, while the origin of the request (the remote server) also appears on the screen." Huh?

No wonder many of us allow Webmasters to take control, a concept explored in Thomson and Craighead's sardonically spooky, semi-interactive "epoltergeist." The piece seemingly takes over your browser by introducing a Web surfing ghost into your machine. The invisible presence does Yahoo searches for sad, suicidal keywords as a mournful soundtrack of organ music emanates from your PC speakers. You can click on things, but the poltergeist invariably steers you back on a melancholic course. lt's a crazy ride that makes you giggle while pondering the insidiously lonely side of Web use. It'll have you yearning for a real-world museum viewing experience in no time. 🌣

'010101' runs through 2001 at www.sf-

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### Yellow Mexico

My sous, one thing you will learn.

For everything the north gives it exacts a price in return.

Bruce Springsteen, "Sinaloa Cowboys"

ulián Cardona takes pictures of luárez. His photographs are filled with maquiladora assembly lines, shanty towns without electricity built on dust, baked mud, and toxic water, and young Mexican women who risk rape, murder, and tampon-test pregnancy checks to be paid less than \$10 a day by the global economy that would grind to a halt without them.

Cardona's subject matter is grim, but his photographs are bright and full of color. The brown of a cardboard wall is brown, but it's not the same brown as the bed of dirt it sits on. The blue of the desert sky is blue, but not the same blue as the blue surgical masks worn by *maquiladora* workers. No matter how many lives the *maquiladoras* put in the balance, Cardona refuses to depict them without life. When the girls of the RCA Thompson plant compete for the Miss RCA beauty pageant, Cardona knows just how crucial it is that their gowns come in different colors: crow black, cloud white, garden lavender.

Juárez also appears in Traffic, the new film from Steven Soderbergh, but Cardona's Juárez is nowhere to be found. Soderbergh's Juárez is all yellow. Tijuana, the other border city that figures centrally in Traffic's drug-war drama, is also shot in yellow. Whenever Soderbergh gives us Mexico, he gives it to us in yellow: grainy yellow, dirty yellow, nausea yellow. Before any Mexican character says anything or any Mexican plot moves forward, Mexico is already understood by the way it's made to be seen: jaundiced and sick, a southern condition that threatens to infect the hygienic body of its northern neighbor.

No surprise then that the United States is shot as its visual opposite, in clear polychromatic color. Part of *Traffic*'s point is that the drug trade connects the United States to Mexico more than it tears the two apart (bribed cops in T.J., bribed INS agents in San Ysidro; lying politicians in Juarez, lying politicians in D.C.; anti-narco U.S. helicopters used by Mexican cops to gun down Chiapas peasants), and yet Soderbergh misses his chance to really make that point by coloring the way he looks across the border. In *Traffic*, moving from San Diego to Tijuana still means moving out of safety and into death, despite the fact that as recently as 1995, T.J.'s murder rate was 10 percent of San Diego's.

Soderbergh's yellowing of the Mexican border flies in the face of narcoculture's true colors. Tijuana — where Soderbergh dwells the longest — may not be Barbados, but it's certainly not yellow. It is a city of diverse grays, of faded pastels on corrugated gray metal, of cement highways that dead-end into gray sand. The narco capos who drive these highways in shining Broncos are also capos of garishness: they wear turquoise silk shirts, bright white Stetsons, satiny fringe, spakeskin boots

Depicting Mexico as frozen in a state of threatening decay is one of Hollywood's two favorite ways of depicting the country that has now become its most reliable back lot (look for Baja doubling as Hawaii in *Pearl Harbor*). The other is perhaps even more familiar — Mexico frozen in time — which is what we get in Billy Bob Thornton's *All the Pretty Horses*. The two films give us Hollywood's two sides of the only Mexican coin it knows: the Mexico of crime and corruption you escape from (*Traffic*) and the Mexico of wide, open spaces and spiritual redemption you escape into (*Horses*).

In both, Mexico (and especially the border) is never a place where people grow old, have children, lead decent, quiet lives. It is always a place that means something only because it means something for the other side — a place that exists only when the United States says it does. Which is why there is never a need to let Mexico represent itself: Traffic's lead Mexicans are Puerto Rican and Chicano (the accents give them away throughout), Horses' are Panamanian and Spanish.

Traffic may be a refreshing critique of the war on drugs that shows cracks in American innocence rarely permitted in the multiplex, but in the end the way it's shot replicates the illogic of that war. The drug trade has always been driven by U.S. demand, and yet it has always been fought by blaming and targeting Mexican supply. Soderbergh's yellow Mexico keeps Mexico as the problem the United States needs to fix in order to fix itself.

Even though Benicio del Toro's Tijuana cop is about as complex a Mexican character as Hollywood's ever allowed out from beneath a sombrero (stay tuned for *The Mexican*, where it gets put back on by Brad Pitt), and even though Mexican children hold the hope candle as credits roll, *Traffic* doesn't care enough about Mexico to develop it as a home to its characters. It's the American national family that gets the most screen time; it's their lives we are most let into, and it's their lives we are supposed to worry the most about — the most American of families, torn apart, then healed by drugs from the country that never stops being yellow. ❖

### **Appearances**

#### Terence Davies rebuilds The House of Mirth. By Dennis Harvey

hen an artist jumps out of the box with a work as personal. as it is original, there's always the fear that he or she may have left room for nothing but self-imitation. Terence Davies's first three features constituted just such a definitive gesture: The Terence Davies Trilogy, 1988's Distant Voices, Still Lives, and 1992's The Long Day Closes are like Proust's Remembrance of Things Past, in that fragments of formative memory form an endless nostalgic refrain that our invisible, nowgrown-up narrator is unwilling or unable to escape. No one has touched their fugue-style mix of inseparable tenderness and horror, painterly tableaux and psychological brute realism, popular song and killing silence. It was Davies's gift to make his working-class domestic unhappiness at once painfully specific and transportingly, lyrically universal.

When he moved away from autobiographical material with 1995's literary adaptation The Neon Bible, however, it was the worst kind of disappointment. The House of Mirth didn't look like a good idea, either - another very American literary subject, another very specific cultural milieu light years away from Liverpool. But Davies's adaptation of the 1905 Edith Wharton fiction turns out to be both a return to form and an unguessable leap forward, the kind of movie that instantly makes every other one you've seen lately look

like used Christmas wrapping.

Not that everyone will like it. Davies's House of Mirth is more cheerless than Wharton's (and hers was pretty ironic about that "mirth" to begin with); its social satire, while often funny, anticipates tragedy from the start. Fate closes in like a massive oak door creaking ever so slowly shut on unwelcome visitors. In short, this is a major downer. But there's also something grand about Davies's design that lends Mirth an unusual weight.

Gillian Anderson plays the orphaned Lily Bart, who moves in the uppermost reaches of New York society, which at this point in time has accumulated more than enough wealth, class consciousness, and pretension to trump the Old World's most convoluted standards for propriety. As a free agent, Lily is both envied and closely watched: it is to be expected that a marriageable one such as herself would try to finagle the best match (economically, status-wise, with a nominal nod to "love") possible, but even more that she not appear to be

But Lily is a fairly transparent schemer, her every move overinterpreted by craftier hypocrites such as married "best friend" Bertha Dorset (Laura Linney) and genuine prudes such as the formidable Auntie Peniston (Eleanor Bron). Her near-romantic friendship with another tenuously respectable — i.e., cash-poor — dilettante, Lawrence Selden (Eric Stoltz), is

viewed as a scandal waiting to happen. Living well beyond her means, bungling various "smart" prospects, she accepts an offer of sure-thing stock speculation from Gus Trenor (Dan Ackroyd). But his motivations are hardly altruistic, and Lily's own belated sense of moral rectitude prevents her

publicly crying foul. Worse, the same strangling restraint later leaves Lily's reputation absorbing the full impact of a adulterous friend's cover-up.

Davies's screenplay makes composites of a few characters to good effect and shaves the excess melodrama from Wharton's final arm-twisting of cruel fate. But his House of Mirth is hardly up-to-the-moment sexy and exciting, like such recent free adaptations as Mansfield Park or The Wings of the Dove. Instead he digs so deeply into a wildly alien culture of surfaces - one in which absolutely no one says what he or she means and beautiful manners are meant to be exclusive rather than welcoming — that the film itself seems preserved in amber, a liquid in which we slowly drown right along with Lily.

X-Filer Anderson at first seems all wrong here: too old, too modern,

falling into that trap of treating another era's courtly ways as arch bitchquippery. But as Lily self-destructs with more than a little help from her friends — the actor rises to Davies's less-is-more challenge, conveying all degrees of panic with a restraint that's

eventually wrenching. With his proven sympathy (bordering on self-pity) for the individual crushed by institutionalized cruelty, Davies risks making Mirth a dying-swan weepie. But he never forgets that Lily is just a cog in the machine - not the brightest cog, either. If she grows more vulnerably human with each consecutive free fall, this tragedy moves us not least because it's so clear that her doom is a consequence of the class-hierarchy game she's played badly. It deserves to collapse; there's virtue but no innocence in becoming its victim en route.

The House of Mirth is gorgeous yet challenging: Davies's tempo will spellbind some viewers, while others will feel every one of the 135 minutes' glacial weight. It's moviemaking shrouded in mystery, black lace, and killing politesse. Even the passages of transcendent visual lyricism carry as much ache as they do beauty. I could watch it again and again; nothing seen all last year seems half so worth the musty term "work of art." Perhaps Terence Davies is the definitive selfconscious artist: his subject is pained self-consciousness within merciless social frameworks, and his craft makes poetry of the hopeless struggle to escape that frame. \*

'The House of Mirth' opens Fri/12 at Bay Area theaters. See Movie Clock, page 86, for show times.



### Stung

#### The legendary Sasori scurries out from under her rock. By Chuck Stephens

irector Shunya Ito's 1972 womenin-prison potboiler, Female Convict Scorpion: Jailhouse 41, begins softly, plaintively, almost prenatally: with an arachnid's lullaby, and the sound of an embryo scraping against a womb.

Fetally coiled on the bottom of a dank cell, somewhere deep beneath Japan, lies Sasori (nihongo for "scorpion"), the titular inmate, bound and filthy, her prison stripes in tatters. Her real name is Matsu, but her sister cellmates have rechristened her in honor — or in horror — of her lightningstrike facility for revenge. When director Ito's Toho Scope lens first reveals her, in a sliver of rotten moonlight, there's a spoon clamped between her teeth — the spoon she's been scraping against the floor of the dungeon, sharpening herself a new tail.

Something of a forgotten chapter in Japanese cinema's post-new-wave cycle of sicko art flicks, Female Convict Scorpion: Jailhouse 41 opens at the Roxie this Friday. It's actually the second installment in Sasori's vituperative saga, but don't let that worry you: getting up to speed is beside the point. Who cares how Sasori landed in prison in the first place? Better you should wonder where, once the one-eyed warden releases her from solitary confinement, she plans to hide that spoon.

Plump with grind-house outrage, the film makes up for lost time with a dozen meaty distractions: castrated prison guards, ravenous she-ravens gobbling spit-roasted dog flesh, a tour bus filled with rapists, and a shotgunwielding wanton who proudly displays the scar on her belly where, upon an outrage, she gutted her unborn child. In

essence, the film's manga-derived story details a jailbreak perpetrated by six of Sasori's sorority scorpi-ettes and ambivalently abetted by our lethal heroine. Traversing memories of savage pasts and visions of hells yet to come, these Malignant Seven cross salt flats and bloody waterfalls with their prison ponchos flapping in the breeze and the twong of a lonesome Jew's harp underscoring their every footfall.

Though various moments of karmic cataclysm are unveiled throughout, Scorpion's gorefest Buddhist underlay is overshadowed by Ito's aptitude for hypertheatricality. Every scene seems to be a face-off between just-say-Noh minimalism and superdeformed Kabuki expressionism, Barren locations (a rock quarry, a fire-lit void, the serrated interior of a coiled mind) alternate with lurid camera play (pans into blur, deep-focus dalliances over scalpel-split crevices, the sudden swish of an assassin's dagger that slices a climactic image in two), and everything adds up to something like Samuel Beckett's Big Bird Cage

Yet such abstracted analogy pales before the visceral impact of Sasori herself - or rather, of actor Meiko Kaji, the legendary screen-mistress of the silent

shriek. Glaring out from beneath the guillotine swoosh of her endless ebony hair, Kaji-san commands one shattering closeup after another, her lid-lowered eyes aglow with bottomless enmity and venomous resolve. She is evil in every extreme, from her fanged imper-

turbability to the fringe on her serape. Oh, that serape! Squint your eyes for a second, and you might as well be looking at a death's-head Joan Baez. Known to many "Asian trash" cultists for her lead performance in Lady Snowblood, Kaji was one of Toho Studio's major "pinky violence" players during the '70s, recording albums and even turning up in a couple of episodes of Kinji Fukasaku's yakuza epic, Battles Without Honor and Humanity. Under which stone is she lurking today? Sasori, please phone home — or the casting division of Office Tarantino.

Female Convict Scorpion's not for everyone, though, despite the following blurb on the Internet Movie Database: "Amazingly Beautiful and

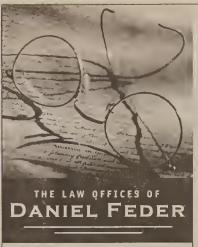
Funny ... Evil Dead meets Stalag 17." Sasori's not your run-of-the-drive-in naked killer, and no one could confuse her with one of the Heroic Trio, but as furious feministas go, she's definitely got her moments. Wait till you see her in the film's final showdown, finally getting her eye-for-aneye's-worth and passing the serrated baton to every Tokyo trixie in need of casting off shackles. Sock it to 'em, Sasori: 30 years after you first scraped your way to freedom, your tale's lost

'Female Convict Scorpion' opens Fri/12, Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St., S.F. (415) 863-1087. See Rep Clock, in Film listings, for show times.

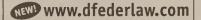
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### On tour

#### Culture Clash takes the Mission downtown. By Brad Rosenstein

ow that we are finally, really in the new millennium, it seems a fitting moment to take stock of this multicultural menudo of a city. The battle between old and new, rich and poor, mainstream and minority continues nowhere more dramatically than in the Mission, which even with the bursting of the dot-com bubble still finds itself struggling to retain its largely Latino character, its poetry, and its soul.

Who better to come to theatrical terms with such a complex world than our own native Mission homies Herbert Siguenza, Ric Salinas, and Richard Montoya? Having parsed the tangled cultural semiotics of New York, Miami, and San Diego with shrewd imagination and equal-opportunity satire, Culture Clash's playful form of docu-theater would seem the ideal forum for grappling with this multifaceted neighborhood. But Culture Clash's Mission Magic Mystery Tour, a premiere commissioned by Brava! for Women in the Arts, turns out to offer a lot less insight than you might expect from three guys who know their barrio inside out.

Loosely structured as an impressionistic gondola ride down the Mission's stream of sorrows, the piece provides snapshots of residents ranging from political activists and transsexual prostitutes to low-riding vatos and dying theater artists. Montoya, Salinas, and Siguenza are, as always, tremendously gifted performers, but here their often curiously undramatic material gives them few opportunities to fully engage their substantial chops. Still, this mixed bag has some standout moments: Siguenza as a displaced flower seller and a pie-throwing activist; Salinas as an old-time Anglo resident; Montoya as a mature but still stoned '60s chick.

The uneven riffs range from lyrical meditation to broad comedy, but the overall tone is mournful and nostalgic. Director Max Ferra makes some stylish, expressionistic use of Loy Arcenas's set, a wall of suggestively opening and closing doors. The piece seems almost frantic to serve as witness, documenting a parade of Mission notables either via name-dropping or incarnation, and video sequences by Lourdes Portillo support the evening's chief aim: to preserve a place and a way of life that is on the verge of disappearing.

The subject is obviously close to the hearts of the Clash, who are themselves a significant chapter in the Mission's history. But in taking on their own home turf, they seem to have lost a lot of their comic objectivity, and it's disappointing to see them subordinating their incisive satire to sentimentality. For all the diverse personalities on display here, there still seems to be an awful lot left out, and the choppy results only fitfully capture the spirit of this haunted, compelling place.

The vision we are left with is personal but parochial: unlike the Clash's resonant examinations of other communities, it's hard to imagine this piece having much meaning for anyone outside the Bay Area. It even seems a little incongruous outside of the Mission. In an ironic twist of fate, the show is being performed downtown at the Eureka while Brava! finishes renovations of its theater at 24th and York Streets, thus losing some of its frisson as a site-specific work. Time spent in the Clash's company is always worthwhile, but this mystery tour is much less magical than you'd expect from such knowledgeable and talented guides.

#### 'The Illusion'

After a successful run in San Francisco this fall, foolsFURY is reprising its production of The Illusion at Marin Theatre Company's studio theater. I was glad to catch up with the play there, a wonderfully rich script freely adapted from Pierre Corneille's L'illusion comique by Tony Kushner. Coming to the cave of the magician Alcandre, the aging and ailing Pridamant seeks a reconciliation with his estranged son. Alcandre shows him a series of visions purporting to be his son's life, ensnaring Pridamant (and us) in a dense web of theatrical, romantic, and philosophical illusions.

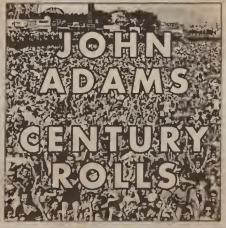
Kushner's language bubbles over with faux 17th-century lushness, and the play's lively wit plumbs ever deeper into the true nature of love. Kaliopi Eleni, Corie Henninger, and David Mendelsohn handle the language and its subtexts beautifully, and director Ben Yalom (who also stalwartly filled in for an ailing actor on opening night) finds a formalized physical grammar that befits the neoclassical form. The evening only occasionally finds its comic punch and several performances falter. But this is a thoughtful rendering of a delightful piece of theater, and it's a pleasure to see MTC reviving its second stage for full productions. &

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### dilettante by Summer Burkes

### **Trills and** thrills

efore I dropped out of the opera program in college, and since I was — and am — simultaneously a first soprano and a staunch fan of "irritainment" in all its forms, my practice repertoire consisted of many high-pitched, staccato-heavy arias. My teacher let me sing some Benjamin Britten, "Poor Wand'ring One," and some other fluttery art-song crap, but I had already split before he could think about letting me get near Mozart's "Queen of the Night."

"Queen of the Night" is the budding soprano's holy grail, an absolutely Olympian aria with few equals in its level of difficulty. It cannot be sung without masterful breath control, a through-the-roof range, and a sharpshooting ability to bleat out rapid-fire notes at wide intervals. (See also: Yma Sumac.) Indeed, it's so rare and precious an aria to perform that I've never seen it sung live. So, at Saturday night's San Francisco Opera opening of The Magic Flute, I decide to rate this, my first live "Queen of the Night" experience, in comparison with my platonic ideal. Never mind that the rest of the opera is the most magnetic and enjoyable one

Opening night at the opera is usually a bit of a scene - people in their finery sipping champagne and checking out other people in their finery. We negotiate our way to our seats, in uncomfortable long dresses and comfortable combat boots, withstanding disdainful looks from a few prim matrons but receiving far more friendly glances from other dressed-down opera lovers. When the lights go down, and the orchestra tunes up, it's apparent from the near flawless symphony's first strains how whimsical and sarcastic Mozart really was. Most people stare at the conductor, and we wonder why nobody's looking up at the beautiful ceiling of the building instead.

The curtain opens stereotypically enough on a handsome prince lost in a sylvan forest — who then faints from fright when he encounters a delightfully cartoon-perfect dragon. Three witches slay the beast (it blows smoke and everything) and then sing about how their queen needs to get laid and how much they lust over the passed-out prince. Throughout this opera (incidentally, Mozart's last), the jokes are so ribald and the comedy such a cheery comfort that one wonders if, 200 years from now, the most popular "classical" productions from this era might be not Dead Man Walking or Lola but The Rocky Horror Picture Show or Mamnia Mia!

After a time, a large boulder at the back of the stage splits open, thunder and lightning rock the building, and the Queen of the Night finally appears, resplendent in a black rhinestoned gown and a high silver crown, backed by an amazing set piece with stars that light up purple and blue and white and orange. She doesn't sing the aria yet, but later, when she does (in the moonlight, in that incredible gown, asking her daughter to kill the benevolent cult leader, with more thunder and lightning), she nails it.

Costume: 8.5 Singer's beauty and poise: 10 Choreography: N/A (she has to stand still to sing that way)

Set design: 10

Whether or not she sounds like she's got a golf ball in the back of her throat (I hate that quality in coloratura sopranos): Not at all.

Other cool things about S.F. Opera's The Magic Flute. A duet in which the prince sings and Papageno, the comical bird catcher, "hmphs." Mozart's wisdom, as true in 1791 as it is in 2001: "If all liars had their mouths locked shut, then hatred and slander would yield to love and understanding." Three whiteclad choirboys floating in a cloud. Several elaborate old-school stage sets that swing up and sideways during transitions. A psychedelic hallway in which some Oompa Loompa-dressed guys smoke a hookah in front of what looks like an Egyptian version of Dogs Playing Poker. A camel-unicorn, a giraffe, and other extraordinarily cute animals; guns that shoot flowers, magic bells; an attempted murder, a few threatened suicides; a maze, some pyramids, and a stunning finale that incorporates the building's exquisite architecture (finally, people look at the ceiling). When Mary Dunleavy, my queen for the night, appears at curtain call to take a bow, my also-soprano companion and I forget where we are, and a blue-collar "woo" escapes our lips. (I'm sure Mozart wouldn't mind.)

Sunday, as we walk up the hill to the Monster Truck Jam at the Oakland Arena, a security guard on a moped careens down the hill, hanging on to a wheelchair with one hand and steering with the other, coming within two feet of collision with my crew. "Watch out, dude!" he hollers as he whizzes by a dad, who grabs his little girl to avoid some personal prerally destruction of

Inside, as various gas smells puncture our sinuses and kids climb all over one another and their parents in the stands, the dirt floor is, for the moment, unoccupied. Great White's "Once Bitten, Twice Shy" blures, and the announcer screams to the audience to pass the

wave and "Tear this place apaaarrrrrt!" He then asks who's wearing a tie in the audience, because it's not allowed. We don't need gangs or drugs, he continues randomly and good-heartedly. "All families need is love and racing." Really.

As our ragtag coterie makes its way to the bleachers with pork rinds and beer in hand, four-wheelers and lowriders and racing trucks kick up the dust on the arena floor. My monster truck-virgin companion and I head to the on-ramp deep within the bowels of the Coliseum, where we receive our press wristbands and get shuffled to one side and the other by crew people wearing headsets and racing gear, and where we will get to see the monsters rumble by, eye level with wheel and chassis. Sadly, we learn, Gravedigger (the undisputed favorite) can't ride today - performance vehicles, like racehorses and greyhounds, break easily - and there's an awkward pause

been sent from outer space as a "freedom fighter" who disguises himself as a car, and that he represents "all that is good." He (if transforming outer-space hot-rod freedom fighters have a gender, that is) extends further, "arms" outstretched, and throws flames from his "fingertips." Just as he tells us that he detects an evil presence that's not of this earth, another smooth-bodied vehicle, a red one named Reptar, rolls in from the other side, extends, and announces himself the leader of the third universe and thus the leader of the dark side. Of course, Galactron defeats Reptar with much pyrotechnic hullabaloo. Then he tells the audience that he has to go but that he'll be with us even though we can't see him. He exhorts us to continue in the fight against evil by "using the special power that is within all of us." Aww.

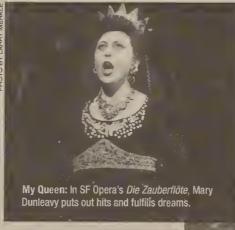
Our seat-bound companions point

out three dudes to our right who haven't sat down during the whole show. One in a neon tiedye shirt and the other two in Gravedigger bandannas, they all provide an inadvertent Heavy Metal Parking Lot-style distraction for the entire population of the arena in between acts. One more unsatisfyingly brief monster truck race (Braaap! Finished), then two motocross teams

around, on, and between junked cars. The first soloist, Skyscraper, doesn't score too high, so he takes out all of the cardboard course-blockers before jumping some more cars and busting his rear steering. Spiderman rules the course, flying high and showing off, skidding sideways and peeling out. Sting, up next, head-butts and then partially runs over Spidey before going

By far the most showmanlike and reckless of the crowd, Sting rolls doughnuts and raises clouds of dust, eliciting a standing ovation. Blacksmith, not to be outdone, doughnuts and dusts and destroys too. Show over, Blacksmith's driver climbs out of the top, and it's actually Pablo, Gravedigger's driver. "We can't have nice things," Pablo says to the announcer in a thick Southern drawl, "so we have to use somebody else's." Where's Blacksmith's driver, then? "We got 'im tied up to a post there in the trailer." Blacksmith, of course, gets a perfect 30 score. The announcer leaves us with a "final thought," Jerry Springer style, to "stay a family."

As we blow our noses (black stuff!) and follow the herd back to BART, we all ponder at what age we quit "ironically" loving monster trucks (and other trappings of lower-classism) and started actually loving them. We agree that it was probably when we collectively stopped feeling shame about our bluecollar pasts and/or stopped believing that cynicism equals intelligence. As for me, the sound of a monster truck run-



after the announcer fires up the crowd for the appearance of the stars of the show. Unintentional comedy occurs when a Cat bulldozer comes sputtering down the ramp. My companion, hearing George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone" issuing forth from the stadium's speakers, points to her belt buckle, which says "Bad to the Bone."

Finally the revered monsters rumble down from the parking lot and into the pit, among them, Live Wire, Sting, Captain America, and our favorite, Spiderman. Our hair blows back and our sternums clatter and our earplugs threaten mutiny as the behemoth vehicles trundle by, accelerating loudly and muffling the wild cheers of the throng. They careen around the track, we suppose, but the crew, citing safety issues, keeps our view obstructed.

After paying \$6 for a Budweiser during intermission, we head up to the seats just in time to see the most amazing thing of the afternoon: Galactron vs. Reptar. Galactron, a smoothed-over Stormtrooper version of a vehicle, appears alone on the track, spitting fire from its taillights. Surprisingly, the machine splits apart and slowly, melodramatically extends to stand like an Adad walker. "Oh my god, my childhood dream has come true," one of my companions gasps. "They finally made a life-sized Transformer!"

Galactron introduces himself in a computerized voice, saying that he's



zoom in between the smashed primerpainted derby cars like ants.

"How many of you got scooters for Christmas?" the announcer asks, stalling again, and I swear that half of the kids in the Oakland Coliseum raise their hands. He then asks for a round of applause for the Three Dudes, and the Dudes chew the scenery even more. I wonder if it means anything that all colors on the dirt floor are primary.

Ah, the "freestyle". The modern dance of monster truck racing. A portion of the audience is selected to judge the routines for the final event, in which all monster trucks are given a chance to solo on the course, doing maneuvers

ning over four junked cars and the sound of a kick-ass soprano peeping and bellowing all of the notes in "Queen of the Night" signify different routes to the same conclusion: exploration of the outer limits of human ability is a wonder to behold. ❖

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lhere's a dead man on the road that Manu Chao won't let me forget. It was early April last year, and I was visiting family in Mendoza, Argentina, the town where my father was born and where his father had once toiled as a street vendor.

Night had fallen, and our bus pulled out of the terminal a few minutes late. My friend Alma and I settled into our seats - headphones, tapes, and a couple bottles of wine stashed in our backpacks to make the 14-hour trip across the Pampas to Buenos Aires tolerable

The steward was making his way down the aisle collecting tickets when the driver slammed on the brakes. Passengers lurched forward. The top-heavy bus reeled from side to side, threatening to topple as the driver swerved to avoid an obstacle up ahead. It turned out a man had been hit by a car, then run over by another. Our driver had barely avoided being the third.

Outside, a pair of cheap, plastic flip-flops lie on the road. Headlights reflected off a pool of clear liquid seeping from the man's head. His body lay face down, mangled and motionless: arms twisted about in unnatural directions, a chunk of meat torn off the back of his waist to reveal what looked to be intestines. He looked to be a local, with the sizable belly of a working-class diet and a proclivity for drink, and the thick, graying curls of a man in his late 50s a simple man now become roadkill on the Panamerican Highway.

The driver eventually reboarded, and the bus pulled away. I sank back into my seat, took my first few swigs of wine, slapped Chao's Clandestino into my tape player and put on the headphones: "El hambre viene, el hombre se va / Sin mas razón / El hambre viene y el hombre se va / Por la carretera," the song went. ("Hunger comes, man leaves / It's that simple / Hunger comes and man leaves / Following the highway.")

#### **Ground zero**

Chao is a first world malcontent with the soul of a nomad and a predisposition to travel the Panamerican Highway in what some would call the wrong direction. When I heard that he was headed to Tijuana and Los Angeles for the last leg of his tour, I knew I had to be there. So I flew to L.A., hooked up with a couple of freewheeling Chicana girlfriends from the east side, and headed to-

Tijuana is ground zero, the point where the third world collides with the superpowers of the first, a center of globalized injustice and hybrid possibilities. It embodies the essence of Chao's music like nowhere else.

The economic disparity between San Diego and Tijuana is greater than that of any other two towns along a national border. We pass the impeccably clean and orderly suburbs of Orange County, with their

imperial mansions and manicured lawns. Meanwhile, yellow road signs along the highway show black images of immigrant families running across the freeway as we near the border, warning drivers to keep an eye out for them as if they were deer on a mountain road. We drive through the checkpoint to the sounds of Chao's "Welcome to Tijuana" ("tequila, sexo, marijuana ...").

Kiosk after kiosk of Virgen de Guadalupe rugs, chupacabras Tshirts, and all manner of cheap, bright-colored wares line the uneven, garbage-strewn roads. Sleazy cantinas and 14-year-old prostitutes service jocks and sailors from San Diego on the side streets off Avenida Revolución in downtown Tijuana, where commercial techno music blares out the windows and verandas of two-story dance clubs, and narcotraficantes operate in collusion with the police.

It is painfully evident that Tijuana lacks the infrastructure to accommodate the tens of thousands of migrants attracted to the border in search of the illusive American dream. On the outskirts of downtown, maquiladora workers and migrants pack the shantytowns extending over hills of dirt and scraggly scrub brush.

"I feel a special solidarity with people who don't have papers, simply because they were born in the wrong place," explained Chao in a 1998 interview with El Mundo. "The truth is that I am ashamed of my first world nationality."

He knows enough to tread carefully on that ambiguous line between participation and appropriation, choosing to give up the stability and comfort of home for a life on the road among the people who have influenced him so deeply.

Born in Paris to Spanish parents, Chao was a founding member of the globally infamous "ethno-punk" group Mano Negra, a Franco-Spanish band named after an Andalucian anarchist terrorist group of the 1880s and integrating the musical influences of the Parisian immigrant groups the musicians coexisted with. The eight- or nine-piece band formulated a trademark, upbeat style composed of North African rai, Iberian folklore, and the Caribbean rhythms of salsa, reggae, and ska, with a splattering of Tex-Mex thrown in for good measure. They referred to the amalgamation as patchanka a play off the Mexican slang term pachanga, meaning a big-ass party and they roamed the far corners of the globe singing their songs of rebellion in English, Spanish, and

When the group broke up in 1994 after eight years, Chao decided to continue traveling on his own. He spent the next four years wandering throughout Latin America equipped with a portable mini recording system, stopping in Colombia, Peru, and Mexico and spending a full year in Brazil before moving on to Senegal and Mali. He composed more than 80 songs in Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese along the way.

On Chao's first solo album, Clandestino - released by Ark 21 Records in 1998 and dedicated to the Zapatista struggle - he assimilates these experiences, amending the telltale style he developed with Mano Negra for a more intimate and contempla-

With guitar strings plucked to the

hypnotic rhythm of a moving train, Clandestino's songs follow in the form of Uruguayan author Eduardo Galeano's Memory of Fire trilogy: a succession of moments in the lives of the dispossessed that imbues the sentiments of his subjects with a humanizing universality.

The solidarity Chao speaks of is evident in Clandestino. The album's title track follows the travails of an undocumented immigrant who leaves home and family behind to live a forbidden life: "Perdido en el corazón / De la grande Babylon'

("Lost in the heart / Of the great Babylon"). In "Lagrimas de oro," Chao consoles a young woman distressed by the ruthlessness of the world around her and harassed by men on the street: "Tu no tienes la culpa, mi amor / De que el mundo sea tan feo / Tu no tienes la culpa, mi amor / De tanto chachondeo." ("It's not your fault, my love / That the world is so ugly / It's not your fault, my love / For receiving so much unwanted attention.") In "Mentira" he laments the prevalence of dishonesty and questions representations of "the



Bienvenida: Manu Chao rocks Tijuana's Auditorio Municipal

concert last April in the Zócalo, the block-wide plaza of Mexico City's historical center, rimmed by the national palace, the cathedral, and the ruins of the Aztec empire's main pyramid, the Templo Mayor. Chao and his multinational band, the Radio Bemba Sound System, had attracted the highest turnout to a Zócalo concert to date — beating out even the local, highly popular rocken-español band Café Tacuba — despite a virtual lack of publicity.

A feature article in La jornada, Mexico's most prestigious progressive newspaper, joked that fans must have heard about the show through "Radio Bemba" — slang for word of mouth. It noted with respect that Chao had dedicated the concert to the students arrested and tortured during the massive strikes against university tuition hikes last year and that he had pointed to the national palace when he sang "Señor Matanza" (Mr. Killing).

The Mexico City concert marked the beginning of the Clandestino tour of the Americas, which took Chao and Radio Bemba as far south as Mendoza, Argentina, and back up to Polhó, Chiapas, within a stone's throw of the town of Acteal, where three years ago government-supported paramilitary troops massacred 45 indigenous women, children, and elders. Of Chiapas's 10,000 refugees, 7,000 now reside in Polhó, in makeshift shacks patrolled by heavily armed federal military forces.

A week later he was in Tijuana.

time we arrive, we find we have missed the Mexican Jumping Frijoles but are in time to see Tijuana No! Lead vocalist Luis Güereña, a Mexican version of Jello Biafra, performs with his face painted white and a Statue of Liberty headdress adorning his head; former Tijuana No! singer Cecilia Bastida even makes a special guest appearance. After what seems like an inter-

minable wait, a calypso beat sounds the imminent arrival of Chao and the eight-piece band. The music builds up slowly as the DJ layers in sampled voices mixed with the sounds of machinegun fire, and the band takes the stage. The crowd surges and roars as Chao begins to sing, "Bienvenida a Tijuana, bienvenida mi amor ... Bienvenida mamasita, I'm en ruta a Babylon ... I wanna go to San Diego. I wanna go y no puedo ...." Seething with energy after hours of anticipation, the audience reacts in unision to the music. Impromptu slam pits pop up throughout the auditorium floor, and bodies roll overhead as soon as the band brings up the beat. People leap into the air as the sound reverberates from 10foot speakers; shafts of blue, yellow, and red lights circle the stage and shine into the audience.

scene to open for him, and by the

A young black man with waistlong dreads climbs onto a makeshift platform — a thin slab of wood held up by group of fans — and writhes to the music for a few seconds before losing his balance and falling back into the crowd. A girl wearing a black top with a white skull emblem on the back and a studded, faux-leather belt spreads her arms and lets herself fall backward with total confidence into the hands of her friends. A second platform appears, and people take turns climbing on top, vying to see who can stay on their feet the longest before plunging back into the mass of bodies below

The musicians grin, utterly content to play for these black-clad kids from the "wrong side" of the border. Before the night is over, Chao and his band do four encores, playing a total of three hours' worth of Mano Negra classics and songs off of Chao's solo album. "Próxima estación, esperanza!" Chao yells before leaving the stage. ("Next station, hope!")

#### **Border songs**

Chao's last words ring in our ears the next day, as we wait in the long line of cars headed back over the border to L.A., where Chao will play that night. Traffic is thick, and the border patrol is in full effect. Dozens of Mexican men walk between the cars on the freeway, selling trinkets and memorabilia — a last-chance effort to pull in American dollars from tourists headed to a world where the press and police relegate the disenfranchised to oblivion. I remember the dead man on the Panamerican Highway and slide Clandestino into the tape player as an act of homage. Somehow, the ride home is just fine. 🌣





truth" while joking, "Todo es mentira en este mundo / Todo es mentira, la verdad" ("Everything is a lie in this world / Everything is a lie, and that's the truth"), and he sings a song of love to an abused and neglected Pachamama (Mother Earth) in "Por el Suelo.

#### 'Radio bemba'

Chao's musical communiqué struck a chord with young anarcho-punks, rockeros, rude boys, students, and street kids in Mexico City, where 150,000 fans showed up for his free

#### Blenvenida a Tijuana

Once across the border, we stop at a street-corner restaurant for a bite to eat before heading over to the concert at the Auditorio Municipal de Tijuana. A TV newscaster announces a lucha libre and boxing event as part of a holiday gift drive for street children at the same auditorium the next day.

Then we secure a room in an innocuous-looking hotel and head to the show. Street-level entrepreneurs hawk homemade Manu Chao Tshirts on the pavement outside the auditorio as we wait in line for our tickets, then step through the double doors of the arena into a crowd of hundreds upon hundreds of brownskinned, black-clad youth packing the floor and bleachers.

Chao makes a point of getting the best bands of the local underground



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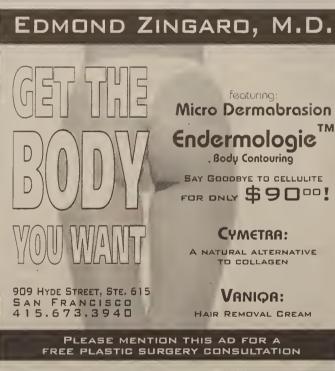
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#### Sound off

n college there was this girl I despised because she hated being alone. I used to try to imagine her by herself in a room, but all I could come up with was her talking on the phone. It made me laugh.

What a jerk. Me, I mean. Because while I often prefer to be alone, I find it rather hard to be alone without music.

The culture iammers might say I'm a victim of an overmediated society. Adbusters founder Kalle Lasn talks in his book Culture Janu about getting people to admit to the limits of their needs, a mission I can get behind. But Lasn thinks we don't know how to be quiet anymore, that we need to learn how to go jogging without musical accompaniment; he makes me feel guilty about the times when my Walkman is a turn-on, when I want a soundtrack to my daily existence. Turn off your personal stereo and listen to your thoughts for once, he might say. Can you still hear what they sound like? I know he would look at me on the bus and see a girl who wasn't at peace with the reality of her own life, which would indeed be an accurate assessment. But has he ever tried rollerskating through Golden Gate Park to "Sunset City" by the Magnetic Fields?

OK, the truth is, I'd rather put my headphones on than think any harder about what Lasn is saying. I know all about filling the spaces in one's head

with music and movies and books because going over past actions and plans for the future — not to mention the never-ending present — is such a major downer. But in my own defense, some music is nothing like filler.

BART heads across the bay, and the sound of the train scrapes its way through the tunnel. Harvey Milk's Courtesy and Goodwill toward Men plays creepily through my headphones, turning a grinding commute into a slow, metal horror movie. The car sways to the rhythm of unpleasant reflections. The little things get lost: the breathing, the dinner plans, the turning of newspaper pages, People seem menacing; maybe they really are. One of the tracks is a cover of Leonard Cohen's "One of Us Cannot Be Wrong," f wish everyone could hear it - though maybe it's the alienation that makes it so good, like looking out at the world from some kind of aural tunnel.

Flying back east on holiday, I'm on a plane full of babies crying and couples in need of therapy, or maybe just a nice divorce. Who wouldn't want to make something more of this? f play early Velvet Underground and Come's Near Life Experience for six hours straight. By the time we land, I'm ready to crack, barely fit to wait calmly in line with the people I've been watching under the influence of so much bad attitude and noisy depression, Thalia Zedek wailing caustically in my ears. That doesn't

sound like a good thing, but with certain kinds of unhappiness, the kinds recorded in a studio, you can take what in life is dreary or uncomfortable to experience and shape it into cinema. There's no getting away from the grimness, but the music makes for a more shapely gloom.

My last night in New York I head down to the Lower East Side on my way to a show. I'm watching the people around me; I can even hear them a little. But my imagination is engaged in threading Zedek's pained, bluesy yell into the small story of me hanging onto a subway pole, swinging my way downtown, thinking about a tenuous relationship, walking through Alphabet City to see the Need at some hale-inthe-wall club. If I'm overstimulated, it's because it's autumn, and I've missed that cold, leafy smell for years, and I'm walking through an East Coast city I don't live in; it's because there are beautiful baby dykes in a ragged line outside the club. Am I not present?

Not enough to satisfy Lasn, I'm guessing. Every time I shade my experience with something no one else is conscious of, I probably lose another point. All I've done is prove I have an overhealthy imagination and a lack of interest in facing the world without added atmosphere, the world as it "really" is. But maybe until the world becomes a place I like enough to accept on its own, I'll keep my headphones handy. \*

<u>got it</u>

#### by jeff chang

#### **Guns** going qoq

t's the American story. Freedom from behind a cocked hammer. Justice and power. Every good revolutionary behind a gun. There's Huey in wicker. Malcolm peering out the window. Snoop confronting aggressors in a West Los Angeles park. Tupac hollering and waving his pistol. Lifeless and bloody in Las Vegas in the back of a Lexus without it.

Last year, when I needed an assault rifle for the cover shot of a magazine article, a close friend, the peace-marching sort, shocked me by cheerfully volunteering his. During the '70s and '80s, he and members of his group regularly held gun trainings. Women, men, gay, straight, they were all proper revolutionaries preparing for the time. Now guns seem the province of racist militias. urban terrorists, and psycho children. It's difficult to imagine being pro-gun and progressive, especially with a fully loaded. National Rifle Association-kept Texas rancher in the White House.

Yet before the elections, I argued passionately with KRS-One. He dismissed my arguments for voting as if I was a deluded perp for the system. "Jeff," he said, staring, "I believe in armed revolution. Elections would

only slow that down." And it's true. Where else could the New Black Panther Party set up shop but in Texas? And what could be more American than taking armed rebellion to the heart of the beast?

In Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture, Michael Bellesiles argues that, contrary to everything we've ever been taught, Americans didn't always worship the certainty of the gun and the sanctity of the Second Amendment, not even in the Wild West. But guns - which manufacturer Samuel Colt called "peacemakers" long before there were warheads to name - didn't dominate the culture until the Civil War, the government, and the gun industry turned them into the symbol of "the essential American character: impatient, forthright, loud, independent, and subject to explosive brutality." And since then, there we stand, one nation under a shotgun.

When I lived in Santa Monica, I came out of my apartment one day to find 10 Los Angeles Police Department cars locking down the block, encircling my 13-year-old black neighbor and his white classmate. The bays were face down on the asphalt, with their hands on their heads. They had been playing with a .357 replica water gun, brandishing the thing and fooling around, when a local security guard called the cops.

The only thing that saved the boys that day was the toy's neon grange trigger, which the cops spotted with the angry, vocal assistance of a small crowd of us.

As a parent, I know that I don't want my four-year-old son watching the kind of cartoon shoot-'em-ups I loved as a kid, at least not yet. But in thinking about hip-hop, and the trenches we defend in the culture' wars, I've also been thinking about all the songs about guns that I love. "Guns of Brixton." "Murder Dem."
"9 mm Goes Bang." "Black Steel in
the Hour of Chaos." "Hand on the Pump." "That's When I Reach for My Revolver." I've never bought a gun. I admit I am afraid of the things I could and would do with one, the kinds of demons I couldn't hold back. But the songs offer me a private glee, a personal release.

When I came back to Mission of Burma's 1981 classic this past weekend, I felt even more entangled. The singer is weary, singing: "They've turned things inside it. The truth is not so comfortable, no." Solitude can only be found behind a castle moat. and outside is slavery, emptiness, and death. "That's when I reach for my revolver. That's when it all gets blown away," he sings. "The spirit fights to find its way." Is this suicide, revolutionary suicide, or just another man-made madness? 🌣



#### **Groove Collective**

It's All in Your Mind (Shanachie) As its title suggests, Groove Collective's latest works quite well as an aural Rorschach test, the sort of album one can just sit back and lib erally project upon. For example, if you're still feeling crusty after a sordid New Year's Eve, you might want to fling this disc across the room and damn it all to hell, cussing about why bands with the word "groove" in their moniker keep making mediocre acid jazz records featuring sappy flute solos, blah bongo beats, and "exotic" instruments (like the kalimba, the berimbau, and the atabal all found here) over ho-hum Fender Rhodes hooks and tired disco-funk rhythms. And especially after this particular NYC-based jam band made such a brash, juicy, non-"groovy" splash on their last outing, 1999's Declassified, which contained a glorious, swelling dance floor hit,

But then again, if you're in a slightly better place, like if the steaming cups of green tea you've been sipping on finally seem to be melting away the toxins in your bloodstream, you might actually find the whole affair kind of affable and urbane, a pleasant reminder of how hip you used to think G.C. was back in the day when you didn't know a kalimba from your ass. After all, it's terribly pretty in spots, like when the

"Everything Is Changing."

softly impressionistic synths dabble about like pastel-tipped paintbrushes on a plush, cottony tableau during the opening track, "Time Pilot." Or when a hollow reed (a flute, perhaps?) whirls around a syncopated bossa nova cadence tapped lightly on a closed cymbal on "You're Stepping on My Daisy." Or when a lone, lilting piano chord shifts and turns over a muted bass drum thump on the title track (by far the most provocative, invigorating cut), only to give way to the oddly enticing sound of a wood-block scrape, then to a pulsing backbeat provided by drummer Genji Saraisi and bassist Jason Moran, and finally to a swishing, downtempo exeunt.

And since hurling things around the apartment just reminds you of all the bad things you did to get to that crusty place to begin with, it's probably best to just keep sipping and let the groove play on. (Sylvia W. Chan)

#### Kreidler

Kreidler (Mute)

Just when it seems impossible to get excited about another disc of electronic soundscapes and textural pastiche, along comes Kreidler with its 21stcentury kraut rock to reignite one's enthusiasm. Featuring To Rococo Rot's Stefan Schneider, Kreidler builds on that band's Can-inspired mingling of electronic textures and analog instrumentation. While not quite consistent, Kreidler's eponymous new record is often intriguing and transporting. Perhaps the most interesting thing is how difficult it is to tell the difference between its digital and organic sounds: everything melds together into spare, lovely, subtly whimsical tracks that glisten with robotic precision without obscuring the human soul behind them.

The record is mostly a downbeat instrumental affair, but it mercifully avoids all the Thievery Corporation/ Kruder and Dorfmeister clichés endemic to mellow electronica. Instead of the same tired brew of blunted hip-hop beats and spy movie slink, Kreidler uses layers of looped melodies that weave in and out of one another, some holding steady as others wander on playful tangents.

Unsurprisingly, the most memorable track on the record is the one on which the wry, cosmopolitan singer Momus guests. Having perfected a kind of new-new-wave style, he's perfect on "Mnemorex," reciting surreally nonsensical lyrics like "stitch me up straight like a snake cut in two" in an icy monotone that recalls Gary Numan. Kreidler doesn't always do so well with singers. "Estatico" buries unctuous vocals by Leo Garcia in a mix of cool pulses and echoes, and it's impossible to tell whether its Eurotrash feel is a failed attempt at suavity or a failed attempt at irony. That's the album's only real low point, though. On tracks such as the "Circles," with its plangent keyboards and lush strings, and "The Main," with its childlike electro tune, Kreidler proves that evocative, atmospheric compositions can be far more than mere background music. (Michelle Goldberg)

#### Ski Oakenfull

Life Changes (Sony Music Imports) Dance music is traditionally driven by 12-inch singles, and that's where artists usually shine, polishing one idea into a perfect tool for DJs trying to fill clubs. As a result, dance music albums tend to be collections of these slices of nightlife, lumped together. While the first single from Ski Oakenfull, "Fifths," with its driving syncopation and raw organ, certainly lived up to the highest expectations for a floor filler, his debut full length is that rare creature: a fully realized, cohesive album of dance music.

On first listening to Life Changes, 1 had a sense of déjà vu strong enough to briefly fool me into labeling tracks such as "Running Through My Mind" and "Where Did the Love Go?" retro. But repeated listening revealed that what had struck me was just an unashamed musical joy that once pervaded house music. Oakenfull's sensuous attention to mood and feeling unifies a collection of thematically wideranging tracks, from the pulsing synths and breakbeats of "Serotonin" to the smooth pads and swinging bass lines of "Come with Me."

Another unifying factor is an almost obsessive sense of detail. Although this is the first artist album from Oakenfull, he is no newcomer to dance music: his high school band was one of the first acts signed to Talkin' Loud, and he spent time as keyboardist and producer for original acid jazz mayens Galliano and nu jazz forefathers Incognito. The years of crafting sounds in studios, hanging out in clubs, and working crowds from stages are evident: no detail is mere adornment; each works to give layers of infinite depth to often deceptively simple tracks. Life Changes listens like a good novel reads, with new joys revealed upon each visit. (Peter Nicholson)

**Max Roach** group boasted singular plea-The Complete Mercury Max Roach Plus Four Sessions (Mosaic) The death of 25-year-old trumpeter Clifford Brown on June 26, 1957, saxophonist George Coleman,

abruptly ended one of the richest twovear episodes in modern jazz, in which the Clifford Brown-Max Roach Quintet had been rapidly extrapolating the bebop innovations of Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie. This beautifully assembled seven-CD box set (in a limited-edition release) picks up the story three months later and documents the bands drummer Roach put together in pursuit of the same rhythmically and harmonically adventurous standards he had set with Brown. The Roach quintets and quartets that recorded 10 LPs for Mercury during the latter half of the '50s took on a wide range of material, from an album of Charlie Parker compositions to romantic standards ("Love

for Sale," "Wild Is the Wind") and the

occasional Roach original, Each sures, such as trumpeter Kenny Dorham stretching out alongside Sonny Rollins, or Memphis trumpeter Booker Little joining tenor tuba player Ray Draper, and trombonist Julian Priester in a youth movement that Roach would institutionalize over the years. Tenor saxophonist Stanley Turrentine and his brother, trumpet player Tommy, make late appearances, Abbey Lincoln sings a pair of numbers, and the Buddy Rich Five faces off with the Max Roach Five in a 1959 summit. Throughout are innovative arrangements and intelligent solos anchored by one of the crispest, most musical drummers lazz has ever known. To buy the box set, contact Mosaic Records at 35 Melrose Place, Stamford, CT 06902, call (203) 327-7111, or go to www.mosaicrecords .com. (Derk Richardson)

### **Booksmith**

#### **January Author Events**

IAMES FADIMAN — Thursday, January 25, 7 pm



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#### BARRY HANSEN aka DR. DEMENTO — Tues., Jan. 30, 7 pm



Barry Hansen, hest known as radio's wild and crazy Dr. Demento, is also a respected musicologist and blues scholar. In Rhino's Cruise Through the Blues, Hansen explores the history of the genre, spotlighting landmark musicians, recordings, and events. From the birth of the blues through today's cross-country revival, you'll meet the likes of Leadbelly, Robert Johnson, Bessie Smith, Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, Stevie Ray Vaughan, B.B. King, and others.

#### RICHARD LEWIS — Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm



Richard Lewis is one of the most gifted comedians in America. But at age 44, at the height of his success, Lewis found himself on a gurney in an emergency room, toxic with alcohol and hallucinating from excess drug use. The same neuroses and dysfunctions that had been the basis for his successful stage persona had, it seemed, turned on him. In The Other Great Depression, the comedian tells the story of his recovery from alcoholism through profoundly honest, often hilarious short takes on family, work, love, sex, drinking, therapy, creativity, and the human condition.

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#### Jan. 10 Wednesday

Well versed You gotta admire contemporary poets. Back in ye olde literary days, Shakespeare and company had sponsors who bankrolled their careers. These days, full-time poets are few and far between; most, like local scribes Priscilla Lee (a technical writer) and Forrest Hamer (a psychologist and lecturer at UC Berkeley), fit writing into busy lives already filled by jobs and families. Both Lee and Hamer have works included in the quarterly California Poetry Series, published by Berkeley's Roundhouse Press in collaboration with the East Bay-based literary journal Poetry Flash. Tonight at Modern Times, Hamer explores his Southern childhood and issues of sexual and racial identity in the poems of Middle Ear, and Lee reads from her Wishbone poems, many of which address the cultural conflicts that affect Asian American women. 7:30 p.m., Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia, S.F. Free. (415) 282-9246. (Cheryl Eddy)

Climb aboard Most West Coasters first heard Wayne 'The Train' Hancock on his blistering, rockabilly-fired hard country recording of 1995, Thunderstorms and Neon Signs. It seemed the spirit, and quite a bit of the voice, of Hank Williams had been reincarnated in this restless soul from San Marcos, Texas. Well-acquainted with the hard-drinking, rough-and-tumble life of the honky-tonks (but now eight years on the wagon), Hancock has continued to blaze a right-eously independent trail through

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**Decisive moments:** Amusement Park, London (1959) and 51 other photographs by Henri Cartier-Bresson at the Shapiro Gallery frame him as a master of the medium. See Tues/16.

rootsy C and W with such recordings as *That's What Daddy Wants* and 1999's *Wild, Free and Reckless,* simultaneously paying homage to Carl Perkins and Ernest Tubb with a pedal-to-the-metal band that rocks and swings with equal abandon. 10 p.m., Elbo Room, 647 Valencia, S.F. \$10. (415) 552-7788. (Richardson)

#### Jan. 11 Thursday

Nuevo gospel The U.S. premiere of John Adams's Nativity oratorio, El Niño, qualifies as a grand event, uniting the composer with his longtime collaborator, stage director Peter Sellars, and the internationally acclaimed conductor (and longtime music director of the Berkeley Symphony) Kent Nagano. El Niño draws from a variety of sources, including Latin American women poets, biblical texts, and Gnostic Infancy Gospels, creating a powerful, surprising work that adds emotional and psychological'shading to the traditional (in these parts, at any rate) tale. Soprano Dawn Upshaw heads a cast that includes mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt Lieberson, bass-baritone Willard White, and three countertenors. Through Sat/13. 8 p.m., Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness, S.F. \$28-\$80. (415) 864-6000, www.sfsymphony.org. (J.H. Tompkins)

Horn of plenty Wynton Marsalis may churn out more recordings and wield incomparable influence over the general public's understanding of jazz, but trumpeter Dave Douglas keeps the critics — and a growing cult of cognoscenti - in his corner by virtue of his unique gifts as a composer and a soloist and his imaginative ideas on what a jazz band can sound like. In the case of his beguiling Charms of the Night Sky group - avant-garde accordionist Guy Klucevsek, versatile violinist Mark Feldman, and ubiquitous bassist Greg Cohen — that means novel tapestries of musical color and texture, sometimes with a classical grace, sometimes with post-bop fervor. Both qualities were amply demonstrated on the group's recent major-label release, Thousand Evenings. The quartet makes its long-anticipated Bay Area debut with dates on both sides of the bridge. 9 and 11 p.m., Bruno's, 2389 Mission, S.F. \$20. (415) 648-7701. (Also Tues/16, 8 and 10 p.m., Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square, Oakl. \$16. 510-238-9200.) (Derk Richardson)

#### Jan. 12 Friday

Out of the box Spotted around town in an ad hoc all-star convocation called Mumblepig, Alice in Chains guitarist Jerry Cantrell has been leaking new material, perhaps suggesting a follow-up to his '98 solo bow, Boggy Depot. Cantrell sang, produced, wrote, and did everything but dance on his first CD, even taking a crack at steel drums. Though you can definitely hear sketches of AIC in Boggy Depot - same warped harmonies, only fewer of them -Cantrell has also started to feed off his own roots (what's with him and titles saluting his Dad?). It's an exploration that's yet to solidify. But given that Cantrell penned some of AIC's biggest tunes, and that the generous patronage of chronic AIC "best of" collections will certainly free him to develop, these hit-and-run reconnaissance concerts may help Cantrell break from the chains. Swarm and Comes with the Fall open. 9 p.m., Slim's, 333 11th St., S.F. \$12. (415) 522-0333. (Marianne Messina)

Together forever For anyone who has ever wondered if two heads really are better than one, the Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company presents Side Show, a musical romp that chronicles the real-life story of conjoined twins Daisy and Violet Hilton. Diane Price directs a cast of local 13- to 18-year-olds in Bill Russell and Henry Krieger's play — a cult favorite despite its rather brief Broadway run — which follows the duo's rise from gawked-at circus act to vaudeville showstopping sensation in the 1920s and '30s. Nominated for four Tony Awards in 1998, Side Show scored points with critics for tackling the difficult subject matter of physical difference with sensitivity, intelligence, and humor. The play is recommended for children ages eight and older. Fri/12-Sun/14 and Sat/20, 8 p.m. (also Sun/14, 2 p.m.); Sun/21, 2 p.m., Randall Museum Theater, 199 Museum Way, S.F. \$4-\$7. (415) 554-9523. (Sabrina Crawford)

Viva flannel Being cool means never having to explain anything. While more reflective bands in the Seattle grunge scene sang about big issues like teen suicide and social rejection, Mudhoney simply embodied alienated youth, the kids in the basement slamming their Converse sneakers on distortion pedals and surrounding all their anger and frustration with a towering wall of fuzz. From the release of Superfuzz Bigmuff in 1988 until bassist Matt Lukin's resignation in 1998, the quartet tore apart stages and ripped through raw,

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And one mighty warrior fish: Even just 4 of the 11 comedians known as 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors — from left to right, Todd Nakagawa, Pearl Wong, Rhoda Gravador and Michael Chih Ming Hombuckle — could probably kick your butt. See Wed/17.





Bad hair decade: Mudhoney have learned a lot about haircuts that gently frame the

monotonous riffs like pit bulls. After issuing last year's March to Fuzz (Sub Pop), a mammoth and venerable compilation of 52 best-ofs and rarities, the so-called godfathers of grunge roared out of retirement to tour the coast. L.A.'s totally heavy psych-rock group Nebula join them in their pursuit of distortion madness. 8:30 p.m., Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, S.F. \$13. (415) 885-0750. (Deborah Giattina)

face since 1988. See Fri/12

#### **Jan. 13** Saturday

Tentacle love It's been half a decade since Scott Beale founded his decidedly offbeat online arts and culture resource center. Toast the revolution at the Laughing Squid Fifth Anniversary Celebration, which features many favorite Squid List performers, including Chicken John, the game show host you love to hate; David Capurro, the fastest yo-yoer on the West Coast; David Browning Smith, a.k.a. the Amazing Rubber Boy, who holds the world's record for getting into a straitjacket; the Bike Rodeo's Jarico Resse and his Dead Man Record Show (culled from the record albums of a dead man); Dadafest's m.i. blue and katy bell; Lil' Poo Angel; the comedy of the Fresh Robots; the Sister Sock Show (a spin-off of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence); Margalit and the Liquitones; Mongoloid with the Mongol-Ettes; and Attaboy and Burke with the Box of Crayons. Other attractions include art cars, films, videos, a robotic-assisted raffle, and all three Doggie Diner heads from the Holy Trinity of the Dogminican Order, Dr. Howland

Owll, master of church secrets for the Church of the Subgenius, hosts. Weirdness is assured. 7 p.m., Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, S.F. \$15-\$18. (415) 885-0750, www.laughingsquid .com. (Debbie Berne)

Midwestern motion The dance scene is getting Black History Month off to an early start this year. The ballet-based contemporary dance company Ohio Dance Theatre presents Umoja (Swahili for "unity"), a dancetheater piece that travels from the Underground Railroad through the Harlem Renaissance to the present in celebration of African American women through drumming, song, poetry, prose, and dance. Choreographer Denise Gula brings a small posse of dancers, musicians, and interdisciplinary artists with her to fulfill this ambitious journey. And since both ODT and local company ODC/S.F. were both born in Oberlin, Ohio, ODT's one-night run at ODC Theater may be likened to a sort of homecoming. 8 p.m., ODC Theater, 3153 17th St., S.F. \$15. (415) 863-9834. (Sima Belmar)

#### **Jan. 14** Sunday

Classy crooner With roots in Reno and a long résumé in musical theater, and having performed a lengthy stint as the house singer at San Francisco's Coconut Grove in the mid '90s, Cami Thompson knows not only how to mold a song to her personal vocal style but also how to communicate it to an audience with passionate projection and dramatic flair. To celebrate the release of her new CD, By Request, the vivacious Thompson has

recruited many of her Coconut Grove cohorts: pianist Si Perkoff, bassist Tom Shader, and drummer Dave Black provide the basic rhythm section, with trombonist Max Perkoff, saxophonist Philip G. Smith (at the evening show), and guitarist Calvin Keys (tentatively scheduled) joining Thompson in the front line. The swing- and ballad-oriented repertoire includes such standards as "More than You Know," "The Man l Love," "My Funny Valentine," "Sing Sing Sing," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and "Over the Rainbow." 2 and 8 p.m., Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square, Oakl. \$5-\$12. (510) 238-9200. (Richardson)

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#### **Jan. 15** Monday

On the curb Thanks to his refusal to submit his original music to conventional genre definitions (no doubt the result of being largely selftaught), Bay Area guitarist Jack West negotiates surprising twists and turns and attains boggling musical heights with his group, Curvature. The fifth independent release from this remarkable band, the aptly titled Big Ideas, was produced by local idiosyncratic jazz and pop producer Lee Townsend (Bill Frisell, Joey Baron, Noe Venable) and showcases the interplay of West's extraordinary fingerpicking style on a custom-made acoustic eight-string guitar with the brilliant work of cellist Moses Sedler, marimba ace Joel Davel, drummer Dan Foltz, bassist Dan Parenti, and pedal steel guitarist David Phillips. 8 and 9:30 p.m., Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Jack London Square, Oakl. \$10. (510) 238-9200. (Richardson)

#### Jan. 16 **Tuesday**

Shutterbug Few artists have captured our sordid century more poignantly than photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson. Not just another sugarcoated retrospective, Henri Cartier-Bresson: Photographs 1926-1970 details how the artist was as formally pioneering as he was politically provocative. Cartier-Bresson laid the foundation for photojournalism with his grasp of the "decisive moment": that elusive eyewink when all the elements in the viewfinder join in jigsaw perfection. Depicting everything from German deportation camps to U.S. civil rights demonstrations, the 52 images included in this deck left a lasting imprint on other photography to follow. Through Feb. 24. Gallery hours Tues.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat., 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (reception Feb. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.), Shapiro Gallery, 760 Market, Suite 248, S.F. Free. (415) 398-6655. (Adam Jernigan)

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#### Jan. 17 Wednesday

Strong language Rose petals strewn over candlelit tables and walls adorned with art: that's the atmosphere at **Elements**, a new hip-hop and spoken word party spotlighting women DJs, women poets, and women visual artists. DIs Grav and SoMuch-Soul spin the party icebreaker and also take it out with two hours of dancing. Between this DJ sandwich, featured poets deliver one phat round-robin set of poetizing in a show that is polished, according to cofounder Renee Van, and "not just random journal entries." When Van — who has performed with Sister Spit, has a chapbook (Welfare Prophets), and belongs to San Francisco's Slam Team 2000 - noticed the scant female presence at slam team events, she teamed with co-MC Clare Lewis to create Elements, filling a need for fem-centric hip-hop happenings that de-emphasize competition. "We're going for the women's vibe - a cool, easy vibe," Van explains. Starting tonight, the show'll take place the first and third Wednesday of every month. 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m., Border Cantina, 1198 Folsom, S.F. \$7. (415) 378-9962. (Messina)

Mountain high With seven years of successful local, national, and international performances behind them, the San Francisco-based 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors have certainly lived up to their take-no-

prisoners moniker. Though the Warriors are actually 11 in number, the self-described "world's most psychotic Asian American comedy group" fill the stage with their own style of cultural sketch comedy (sample skit title: "A John Woo Family Dinner"), addressing Asian Pacific Islander American issues with goofy yet intelligent humor. Their latest offering, My Own Private Sukiprata (actually the second workshop production of this show, but in a new version, with plenty of new material), takes on a "mythical Asian nation" that may or may not harbor cave people, mailorder husbands, aliens, and circumcised females. Through Ian. 28, Opens Wed/17, 8 p.m. Runs Wed.-Sun., 8 p.m., Theatre of Yugen/Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, S.F. \$8-\$12. (415) 646-0868. (Eddy)

The Bay Guardian listings deadline is two weeks prior to our Wednesday publication date. To submit an item for consideration, please include the title of the event; date and time; venue name; street address (listing cross streets only is not sufficient); city; telephone number readers can call for more information; telephone number for media; admission costs; and a brief description of the event. Send information to Listings, 520 Hampshire, S.F. 94110; fax to (415) 487-2506 or e-mail to listings@sfbg.com. We cannot guarantee the return of photos, but enclosing an SASE helps. We regret we cannot accept listings over the phone.

### Hot spot

If Eugene lonesco were living in the Mission District today, he would find himself smack in the middle of a perfect alternate setting for his absurdist play Rhinoceros. Appropriately enough, Theatre Rhinoceros, San Francisco's oldest gay and lesbian theater, has taken lonesco by the horn, staging a modern-day adaptation under the direction of Colman Domingo. Rather than focusing the play's satirical attack on totalitarianism, this rendition examines the displacement of people and small businesses occurring in the Mission on a daily basis. In Theatre Rhino's version, the play's traditionally male lead, Beranger, is a lesbian working for a nonprofit

agency who finds that everyone around her has turned into savage rhinoceroses. But though this Rhinoceros contains a few major changes, it stays true to the original script - and not so absurdist-ly, lonesco's words still ring true in San Francisco's current social and economic climate. Through Feb. 10. Previews Thurs/11-Fri/12, 8 p.m. Opens Sat/13, 8 p.m. Runs Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m. (also Jan. 21 and 28, Feb. 4, 3 p.m.), Theatre Rhinoceros. 2926 16th St., S.F. \$12-\$20. (415) 861-5079. (Sarah Han)



There goes the neighborhood: Theatre Rhinoceros's adaptation of Rhinoceros (with P.A. Cooley, left, and Alexis Lexin) gives lonesco's surreal beasties a new home in the Mission.









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Frt. 1/12

Jose Neto 9:30pm

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9:30pm Sun. 1/14

**Jules Broussard** 8-11pm

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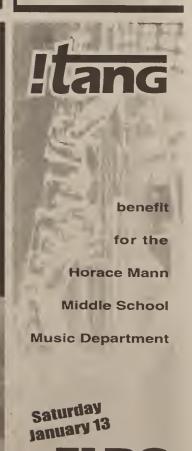


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#### Rock/blues/hip-hop

Blue Reptiles Blue Lamp. 9:30pm. Booker T. Jones Boom Boom Room. 9:15pm,

Tommy Castro Band Biscuits and Blues.

John Davis Cosmopolitan Cafe, 121 Spear;

Wayne 'The Train' Hancock Elbo Room. 10pm, \$10. See 8 Days a Week, page 50. Knife in the Water, Rhythm of Black Lines, Midnight Laser Beam Bottom of the Hill.

Greg Loiacano, Dana Jensen, Greg Olin Hotel

Pure Ecstasy Top of the Mark. 8:30pm, \$8. Roux, Erin McKeown Paradise Lorange.

Ralph Woodson Trio, Randy Last Day Saloon.

#### Bay Area

Shelly Doty X-tet Fourth Street Tavern.

Idletime Blake's. 9:30pm.

Teenage Harlots, Things, Missfire Stork Club.

Viv, Beth Waters, Matt Nathanson Sweetwa-

#### Jazz/new music

Don Asher and Eddie Duran Moose's. 8pm. Ned Boynton Combo Enrico's, 7pm. Kevin Gibbs One Market Restaurant. 7pm

Vince Lateano Trio Jazz at Pearl's. 9pm. Also

Mike Lipskin House of Shields. 5:30pm. Jason Myers Trio Houstons, 1800 Montgomery; 392-9280. 6pm, Also Thurs/11, Sun/14-Tues/16.

Harvey Weinapple Quartet Bruno's. 9 and

We Three John's Grill, 63 Ellis; 986-0069. 6:30pm. Also Thurs/11-Tues/16. Wesla Whitfield Phash Room. 8pm. \$20. Also Thurs/11.

#### Bay Area

Red Archibald and the Internationals Ashkenaz. 9pm, \$8. Dance lesson at 8pm. Remembering Wes Montgomery Quartet Yoshi's. 8 and 10pm, \$16. Through Thurs/11.
Rhythm Section, Judy Hall 19 Broadway.

#### Folk/world/country

Acoustic open mic Lost and Found Saloon.

Eoin Harrington Band Johnny Foley's. 9pm. Rory MacNamara Plough and Stars. 7pm.

#### Bay Area

Irish Session Cato's Ale House. 6pm. SDNiA, Denice Franke Freight and Salvage. 8pm \$15.50-16.50

#### Dance clubs

Audible Colors Top. 7pm. 2-step music with Tasho and guests.

Bondage A Go-Go Cat Club. 9pm-3am, \$7-10. With DJs Damion and Fernando. Break An Sibin, 1176 Sutter; 929-1992. 9:30pm-2am. With David Michael and Hank the Guy with Records spinning funky breaks

and house.

Cream Butter, 354 11th St; 863-5964. 8pm-

Dark Sparkle Cafe du Nord. 9pm, \$3-5. Discover Ruby Skye. 9pm-3am, \$10. House music with resident Ben Doren. Dish Blind Tiger, 787 Broadway; 820-1621. 9pm. With residents Juss Derek, Luke, and

#### **Imperial Teen**

Sat/13, Slim's

choice:

omegrown heroes Imperial Teen revisit their roots and bring their blend of infectious, guitar-driven pop and moody, multilayered vocal melodies back to the city where they began. Born from the coconspiratorial efforts of Roddy Bottum (Faith No More) and Lynn Perko (the Dicks, Sister Double Happiness), who recruited Will Schwartz and Jone Stebbins, the power pop co-op set out with a noble mission: to cast conventions aside and simply allow their collective creativity to evolve.

The resulting work in progress has moved the instrument-trading, vocal-swapping Teens from the upbeat sounds of Seasick to the carefully crafted, slightly sinister pop phrases of What Is Not to Love. Far from being a harbinger of its demise, the fact that one half of the band recently relocated to Los Angeles is likely to add yet another dimension to its ongoing game of musical chairs. Persephone's Bees and Mates of State open. 9 p.m., Slim's, 333 11th St., S.F. \$10. (415) 255-0333. (Sabrina Crawford)



Elephunk Justice League. 9pm-2am, \$7. Hiphop music with Most Chill Slack Mob and DI Ted Shred

El Rio 7:30pm. Classic Latin music with DJ

**Expansions** *Movida Lounge*, 200 Filhnore; 934-8637. 9pm. Afro-Latin rare grooves with DI Vinnie.

Focus Nickie's BBQ. 9pm. DJ Masao and

Bump Tribe spin deep house. **Gather Round** Fuse, 493 Broadway; 788-2706. 10pm-2am. With Cinammon Underpants and DJ Design.

Groove Jet Holy Cow. 9pm. With local DJs. JazzilJungle Tongue and Groove. 9pm, \$5. Live drum 'n' bass and acid jazz with Five Point Plan and DJ Denizen. Lithium Lounge 26 Mix. 10pm-2am, \$3. Live

jazz and drum 'n' bass with Shan Kenner

Low Down Grooves Top. 7-10pm. With DJs Schnezzy, Damo, Nicole, and guests spinning downtempo, hip-hop and funk. Nessun Dorma HiFi. 10:01pm. With Gianni

and Antony spinning house.
Poly's Playhouse Hush Hush Lounge. 9pm-2am, \$4. With DJ Polywog and the Tadpoles and guests.

Progress Liquid, 2925 16th St; 289-6833. 9pm, \$3. DJs Michael Liu and Joseph Lee spin techno and trance.

**Qoöl** 111 Minna St. 5-9pm, \$5. Pan-techno lounge with DJs Spesh, Gil, Hyper D, and

Red Wine Social Dalva, 3121 16th St; 332-5800, ext 211, 10pm-2am. With Toph One. Seance Backflip. 9pm-2am, \$5. With Franky

Wasabl Glas Kat. 10pm-2am. House and urban grooves with rotating residents.

#### Bay Area

Club Fusetti 10pm. Salsa and merengue with Pete Solis. Salsa lessons at 8pm. Soulvation Ruby Room, 132 14th St, Oakl; (510) 444-7224. 10pm-2am.

#### Classical

Linda Holzer Yerba Buena Gardens, St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission; 777-3211. 12:30pm, free. The pianist performs Debussy's Hommage à Rameau, L'isle joyeuse, and Bolcom's Hymne de l'amour. San Francisco Dpera War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness; 864-3330. 7:30pm, \$23165. The opera performs Mozart's *Die Za-uberflote*, with Mary Mills in the primary role. Through Sun/14.

#### thursday 11

#### Rock/blues/hip-hop

Applesaucer, Red Planet, Slender, American Heartbreak Slim's

Brenda Boykin and Home Cookin' Boom Boom Room. 9:15pm, \$4. Chazz Gats Johnny Foley's. 9pm.

Cotton Pickin' Players, Rusty and Ring of Fire, Royal Deuces Hotel Utah. 8:30pm. Deadbolt, Zodiac Killers Covered Wagon Saloon. 9:30pm, \$5. Shane Dwight Band Lou's Pier 47, 8pm.

K.C. and the Blue Flames Blue Lamp.

Ledisi Cafe du Nord, 10pm, \$6. With DJ IJ. Like, Totally Last Day Saloon. 9pm, \$5. Little Johnny Cosmopolitan Cafe, 121 Spear; 543-4001. 8pm. Luxt, Whorange Paradise Lounge. 8:30pm.

McAllisters, Real Sippin' Whiskeys Hi-Ball Lounge. 9pm, \$6.
Notorious Tongue and Groove. 10pm, \$7

Rocket Queens, Paranoid, Tina and Bobby Dance Troupe Kimo's. 9:30pm. Kevin Russell Band Biscuits and Blues. 9pm,

Spinning Jennies, Sexfresh, Pedalsped Bottom of the Hill. 9:30pm, \$6

#### Bay Area

Chrome Johnson Fourth Street Tavern. Manhattans Kimball's East. 8 and 10pm, \$26-

28. Through Sun/14. Country Pete McGill and His Cottonfield Blues Band 10739 MacArthur, Oakl; (510)

Casey Neill, Jenifer McKitrick Starry Plough.

David Thom Band, Buffalo Roam, Tree D'Frogs, Ten Ton Chicken Ashkenaz. 8:30pm. \$10-20. Benefit for Food First.

#### Jazz/new music

Blue Room Boys Top of the Mark. 8:30pm,

John Buddy Connor Jazz at Pearl's, 9pm.

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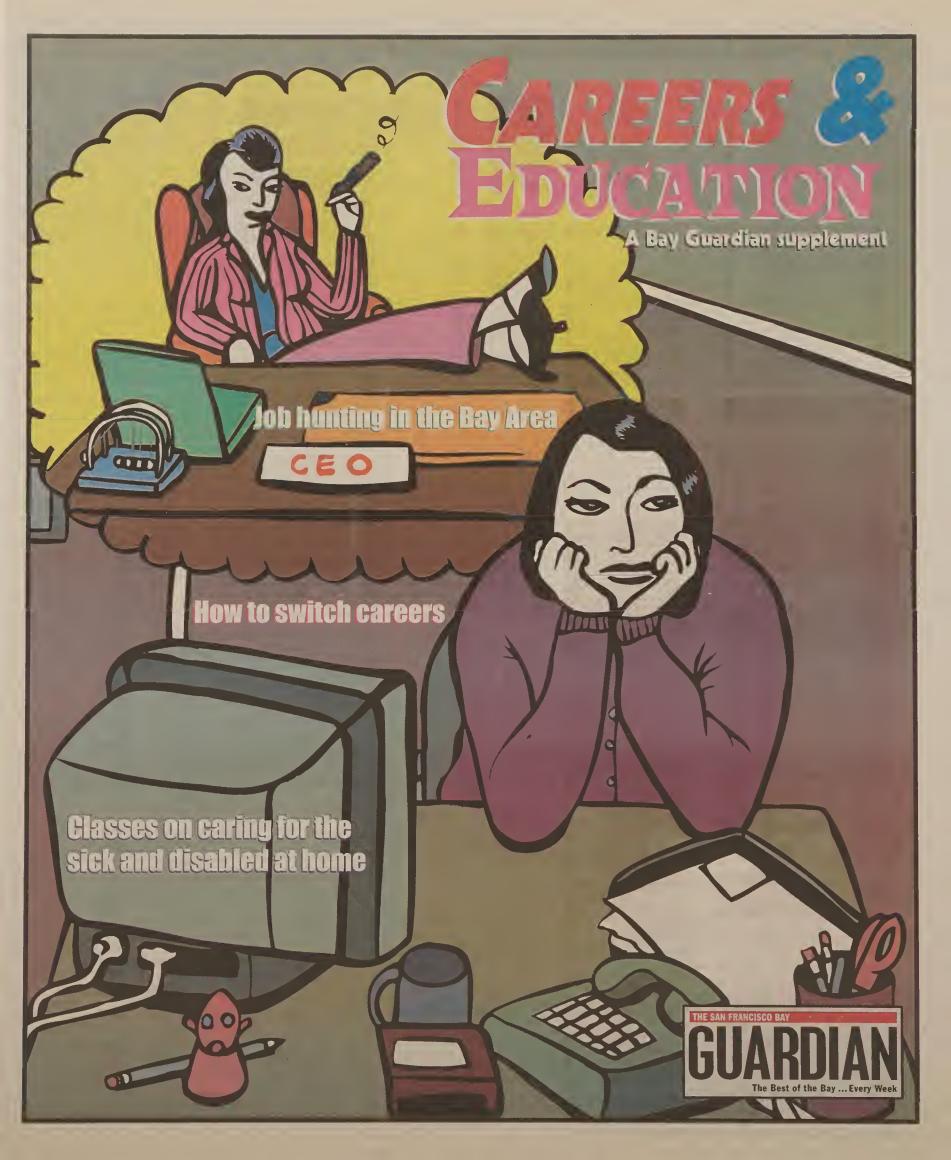
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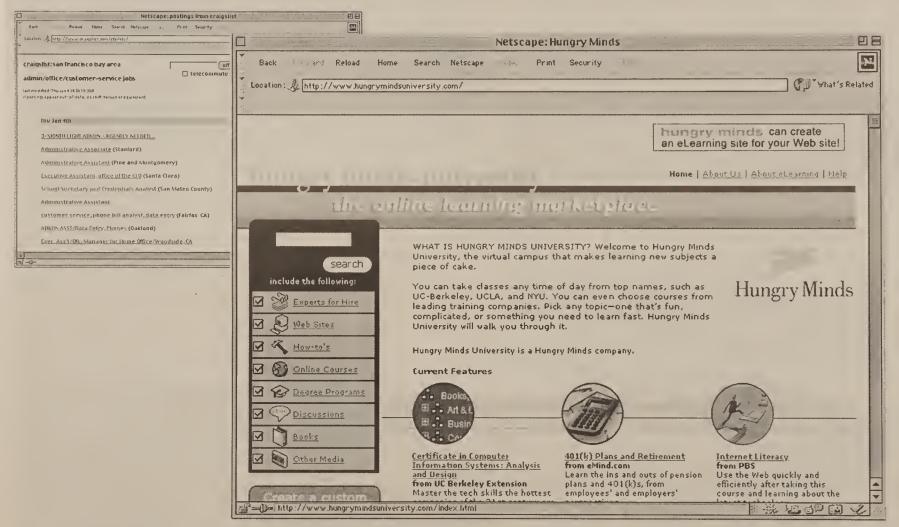
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## Jump-start your career

#### A quick guide to career resources in the Bay Area. By Lisa Allyn Hardy

'm going on 31, and I'm still asking myself, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" I remember when my mother was plagued with career indecision. I must confess that I was a bit concerned with the fact that my maternal figure had no idea what she wanted to do with her life, aside from raising her family in rural Pennsylvania. I thought, "Jeez, shouldn't she know by now what job she wants to do?" Well, it appears that I have reached that very same crisis in my life, and I am comforted to know that I am not the only one suffering from this conundrum, and neither was my mother. The urge to change careers seems to be endemic to the late 20s-early thirtysomething age group.

Job opportunities are not as limited

today in the Bay Area as they were 20 years ago in Podunk, PA. The infinite abundance of career options is dizzying. Sometimes I want to try them all — novelist, CEO, sex therapist, professor - and the rest of the time I am too overwhelmed to crawl out of bed in the morning. I realize the impracticality of attempting all my dream jobs and the uselessness of sleeping the day away. Now I'm on a more rational train of thought, choosing some viable career options that suit me by focusing on my interests, education, experience, and personality.

Don't be blinded by the promise of big bucks and limitless growth potential. Granted, money is important, especially with the high rent in this town, but you should choose a job that matches your interests and takes

advantage of your best assets and skills. Corporate America lured me in with a hefty starting salary after graduation from UC Berkeley. Eventually, boredom outweighed the dollar signs. I kept asking myself, "What is an English major doing as an admin assistant for a global accounting firm?"

If you are in a similar situation, frustrated with your current job and longing for a more fulfilling position, have a gander at the tips I gathered for you. They are tried and true, as I have tested them myself over the years, when suffering from the occasional occupational slump.

Once you decide which career path interests you, there are four ways to gain experience: attend continuing education classes, intern, volunteer, or temp. For a few of my friends, temp-

ing was the first paid position they held in their newly chosen field.

#### **Continuing education**

If you are lacking the education required for the industry in which you are seeking employment, investigate the adult continuing education courses offered at our local community colleges and universities. This is ideal, because tuition is cheap, and you will have an opportunity to test your interest and skill level before possibly embarking on a full-fledged degree program. Keep in mind that you may merely need a class or two to acquire enough knowledge to jump-start your budding career. Register for an evening or weekend course while maintaining your current job. Both credit and noncredit courses are of-

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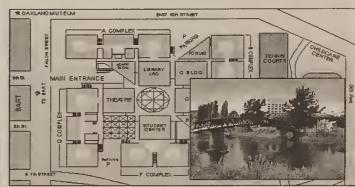


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U.C. Extension The fee varies per class. Center for Media and Independent Learning, 2000 Center St., Berkeley, CA 94704. (510) 642-4124; www.unex.berkeley.edu.

If you decide to complete a degree program, here are some Bay Area alternative schools to consider, since they offer more than just day classes:

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Whether you still need to gather more skills or just want to polish the ones you already have, gain some hands-on experience in your field of interest by interning or volunteering. Internships are available for more than just college students; I can attest to that. If you are currently attending college, visit the career and internship placement center on campus. For everyone else out there, simply call or write the companies you are interested in working for and ask if they have an internship program, and then apply. A few are paid positions, but most are not. Coordinate a part-time internship or volunteer position around your current paid employment. Ideally, internship providers offer their interns permanent employment after

the completion of internship commitment (hint, hint). But don't despair if that is not the case for you, since internships and volunteering definitely enhance a résumé.

If the search for a full-time position in your new career field is slow going, consider temping. You will get your foot in the door, establish significant networking contacts, and beef up your portfolio simultaneously. Temping at your favorite organization or company could lead to a permanent position once employers see firsthand that you are an enthusiastic hard worker.

Get referrals from your friends, or let your fingers do the walking in the yellow pages. There are hundreds of listings for temp agencies such as Adecco and McCall Staffing Services.

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#### **Networking and finding** a mentor

I cannot stress enough the importance of networking. I began attending clubs and organizations created for the express purpose of writers' and editors' networking on any number of issues - bitch sessions to release some jobrelated stress, but also a way to inform each other of available positions in the publishing industry. Collect as many business cards as you can and remember faces and names.

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Whichever avenue you pursue to hone the skills for your new career, there will be numerous opportunities for you to become acquainted with folks already working in your industry: professors, coworkers, supervisors, colleagues. Find an individual with exceptional knowledge and experience similar to your newly chosen career path and ask him or her to be your mentor. Working with a mentor will make your career transition smoother than trying to do it blindly on your own. My mentor continues to be an invaluable resource for me by answering questions, offering advice, and sharing information.

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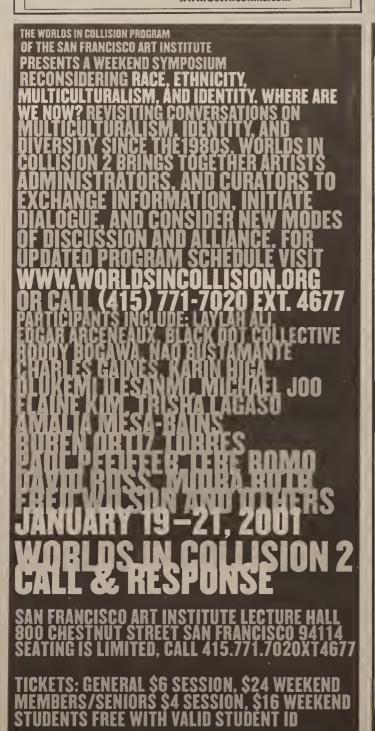
I found the Internet to be a useful tool when I decided to go back to college and make a career change. If you don't have an Internet connection at home, use a friend's computer or go to your local library. I compiled a list of a few Web sites worthy of your attention.

Hungrymindsuniversity.com and petersons.com are educational databases with thousands of distance learning courses and degree programs offered electronically — via the Web, e-mail, television, video conferencing, etc. — from accredited universities. The fees vary. Hungryminds also has a section that highlights all of its free courses for online learning.

WetFeet.com and experience.com provide pointers on how to break into a new industry, along with inside information on the careers, companies, and industries you are interested in.

When it comes time to hunt down that perfect job, check out craigslist.com, monster.com, and citysearch7.cpm for their extensive lists of up-to-date Bay Area career opportunities.

Try not to be intimidated by the thought of transitioning into a new career. The first step is to make a list of jobs in which you think you might be happy working. Thorough research, an enthusiastic attitude, and the appropriate skills will help you discover and acquire your ideal job. My mother finally accomplished this task in her late forties, and I'm feeling pretty lucky to be about two decades ahead of her. ❖



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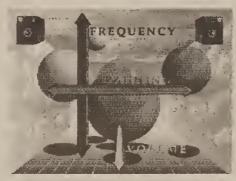


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Four steps to a more rewarding career while still paying the rent. By Joyce Slaton

osing a job is a lot like getting dumped. Oh sure, when you get fired you probably won't wonder if it's because you're fat and ugly. But then again, when your love interest takes a walk, the defection probably won't keep you up at night wondering how you're going to pay rent.

As scary as losing a job can be, many people have found that being pushed out of one career is often the catalyst that opens up opportunities for a new one. As your grandmother would tell you, God doesn't shut a door without opening a window. That statement looks crappy when that

door's just been slammed on your ambitions, but that open window presents a new set of circumstances that bring an exhilarating chance to act as the architect of your own life.

Being let loose from a job that didn't suit you can even bring the chance to make a radical break in your life. One woman I know who was watching her tech writing jobs dry up decided that she didn't care if her writing career was going south, and what she really wanted to do instead was beat the crap out of people. That woman is now in training to do dominatrix work, and she's starting up her professional career this year.

Of course, when you're deep in pink slip misery it can be hard to plot out your next step; the bewildered owner of a newly extinct career may not know where to turn. There are scores of books out there offering advice for the transitioning employee. But all you really need is a simple four-step plan that will take you from your current state of confusion right into the career of your dreams.

1. Embrace the change and ready yourself for a transition

It may be that you were fired from your old job, or that you were laid off,

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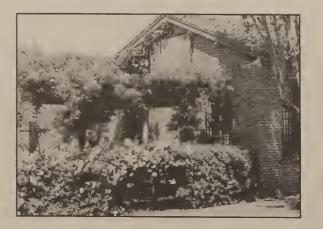
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#### Career change

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downsized, or demoted. Or you may be in the lucky position of consciously deciding it's time for a career change. Whatever the inspiration for your career move, you simply cannot move forward into a new career if you're still wallowing in nostalgia for the old one.

Those who are choosing to transition from one career to another don't need much help with this step. But those who have been discharged may have more of a struggle. As Dr. David P. Helfland writes in his essential Career Change: Everything You Need to Know to Meet New Challenges and Take Control of Your Career, "Being laid off or fired is not up to us or within your control and therefore

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stirs up strong emotions." Boy, does it ever. The discharged can expect to deal with denial, fear, anger, and depression before finally moving on to acceptance and a readiness to

"Yeah, I was scared, scared, scared when I lost my job," says Jen Beck, who transitioned from a retail management position for the

San Francisco I. Magnin branch to doing payroll and accounting work. Beck, along with hundreds of other 1. Magnin employees, lost her job when the chain of stores closed. Beck was beset with doubts. "I asked myself, 'What am I going to do? How am 1 going to live? What if I can't find another job?" Beck says. But at the same time, she knew the layoffs were opportunities disguised as bad news. "Î'd wanted to get out of retail for years — this was just the kick in the butt I needed," she says.

#### 2. Figure out what you'd like to be when you grow up

If you've been in the same career for some time, this step may feel somewhat ridiculous to you. As Helfland puts it, "Often, adults feel ashamed to admit that they are confused about their career options. They wonder how someone at age 30, 40 or older could still be unsure about what to pursue in terms of a career." But consider this: adults continue to grow and change all through their lives. What suited you at 20 may not at 30 and you may have originally chosen a path that was never suited to your talents and ambitions.

Instead of falling into the trap of assuming you must continue on the same career path, allow yourself to dream. Grab a pen and a piece of paper, and make a list of the jobs you've loved. Now list what exactly you loved about those positions: What tasks specifically turned you on and made you eager to come to work every day? What is it you love to do? No matter what it is you love, there's a way to turn that interest into a career.

Emily Yay took a self-inventory like this one when she was transitioning away from her former career in office/ operations management. "I didn't feel passionate about what I was doing," she says. "I knew I needed a change. And I'd always liked numbers and finance, so I just started looking around on job boards for jobs in the finance category, sort of seeing what

> was out there and trying to figure out where I wanted to go.'

Think about what you'd like to do every day for the rest of your life. Research different careers — visit the local library, or go online (see "Jumpstart Your Career," page 3), and take a look at the Dictionary of Occupational Titles and the Occupational Outlook Handbook, two federal handbooks that

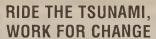
can fill you in quickly on various kinds of jobs, the training needed, and the employment outlook. This sort of planning may feel like wheel spinning, but in reality you're creating the first point on the line that will connect where you are now to where you want

#### 3. Take stock of yourself and plug any holes in your experience or training

Now that you know where you'd like to go, the trick is identifying the steps that will take you there. Some steps are very obvious: if you're a florist and would like to become a veterinarian, vet school is in your future. Other transitions are less obvious.

Rusty Carlson managed a transition from waiting tables to graphic design work to recruitment without ever paying for a training class. The trick, she says, was taking the experiences learned at each job to the next one and learning enough at the new job to be able to move on yet again. For instance, some years ago she leveraged her tiny amount of computer experience into an entry-level job doing prepress work for a copy shop.







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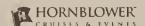
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Though the work was low paying, she was able to learn enough on the job to transition into graphic design. "I didn't know Quark; I didn't know Illustrator or Photo-Shop; I didn't know anything when I came to the copy shop," Carlson says. "I had so many sleepless nights thinking, 'Oh my god, I'nı not going to be able to do this.' But I learned on the job, and the print shop paid for training classes, and slowly but surely I learned."

When she started getting bored with graphic design, she used her graphic design and print experience to launch a career as a recruiter, finding employees to work for her clients in the print medium. "I couldn't do this job without the experience I have," she says proudly. "I've been in print — I know whether they have skills or not. I'm using everything I knew from before, and I'm doing something real, which I'm starting to Iove.'

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You may even be able to get training through your current employer by getting hired as a trainee in a particular position that exists at your company. Yay, for instance, was lucky enough to move from her operations manager job into a trainee position as a financial analyst. The company that hired her paid for her to study for and take Securities and Exchange Commission tests, which allowed her to work as an independent financial analyst under the company's aegis. "I might never have chosen this path if I wasn't handed the opportunity by my current employers," Yay says. "It was a real motivator to get cracking."

Most people, however, are generally stuck working one job during the day and training for another at night. Such options will probably spell more

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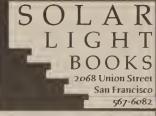
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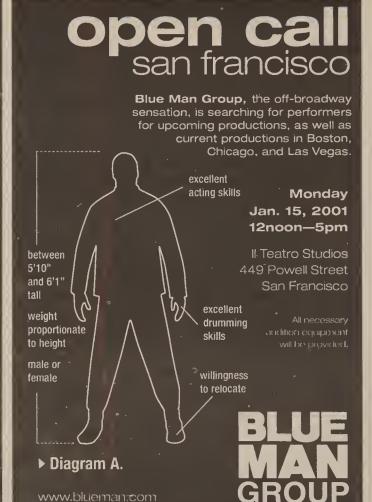
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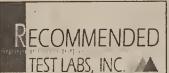
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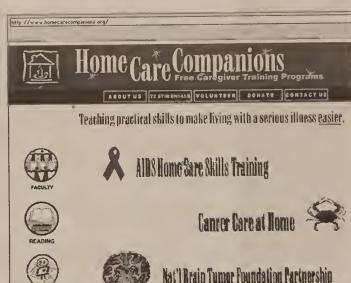
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### Careers & Education



Home learning: Homecarecompanions.org is a Web site from San Francisco's Center for Caregiver Training, which also offers free classes.

#### **Caregivers**

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"There are about 10,000 home care workers in San Francisco who have little or no training," says Linda Squires-Grohe of City College of San Francisco. Many of these workers care for members of their own families.

Fortunately, caregivers can receive payment through the In Home Support Services (IHSS) program, funded by the state and federal governments. This program used to pay minimum wage, but thanks to the work of advocates like Overbo, it now pays \$9.70 per hour plus health and dental benefits.

Between 66 and 84 percent of caregivers on the IHSS payroll are family members of their charges, according to Leon Chow of Healthcare Workers Local 250, a union for caregivers. Not all patients may qualify for IHSS due to income and disability requirements, but "it's not just for low-income people," Overbo says. You can reach IHSS at (415) 981-4477

Still, there are plenty of people out there taking care of family members at home without any pay or recognition.

Some of the area's classes, such as those run by the Alzheimer's Disease Association, are geared to caregivers of patients with specific diseases. But many of them address a range of issues facing people who take care of relatives and partners in the home. And they all welcome both paid and unpaid caregivers.

The Center for Caregiver Training caters to people taking care of loved ones with AIDS, cancer, brain tumors, emphysema, or congestive

heart failure. Four times a year the center offers its 18-hour course in six weekly modules, free of charge.

The center's exhaustive course covers symptom and pain management, including what to do if your partner wakes up at three in the morning complaining of nausea, a fever, or some new constellation of unpleasant sensations. A second module deals with nutrition for people whose illnesses have damaged their appetites, tolerance for some foods, or sense of smell.

Another class handles the all-important subject of lifting and carrying people without injuring yourself. According to the center's Celi Adams, this includes setting limits if you really can't lift your beloved out of a bathtub and knowing where to turn for help. It also includes learning to keep bedridden patients from getting pressure sores.

Other modules teach caregivers how to organize a personal care network to share the responsibilities of caring for someone and how to find other services in the community to help take care of someone; another covers legal issues. This last topic especially affects nontraditional partnerships where one partner may need power of attorney or the legal ability to deal with funeral arrangements, Adams says. 1320 Divisadero, San Francisco, CA 94115. (415) 563-9286 or www.homecarecompanions.org.

City College of San Francisco offers a class in cooperation with Local 250. Local 250's Chow says the 25-hour course has been taught every two months for nearly two years. The class is offered in English or Chinese, and they may offer upcoming classes in Russian and Spanish, according to Chow.

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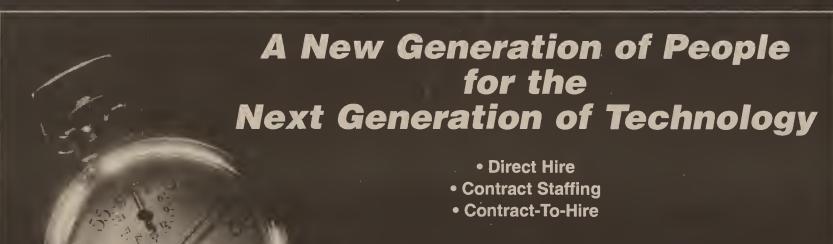
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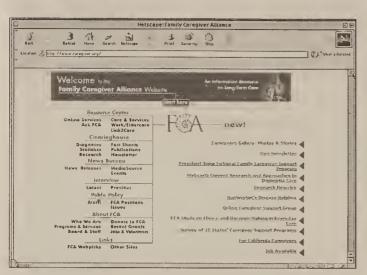
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## Careers & Education



**Online assistance:** The Family Caregiver Alliance offers classes for people caring for relatives with "adult-onset brain impairment" and maintains www.caregiver.org, a Web site with fact sheets and other resources.

#### **Caregivers**

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The class, which holds only 20 students, deals with many of the same sissues as the Center for Caregiver Training's course. The five-hour sessions usually take place on Saturdays, but the class sometimes meets daily, spanning a single week. Like the center's class, the CCSF-Local 250 class divides into neat modules.

The first module deals with safety, including lifting and bathing someone. Squires-Grohe points out that a caregiver who lifts a patient the wrong way can injure the patient as well as him- or herself. The second module tackles nutrition, including the special diets patients with diabetes and other diseases may need. The third class covers communication. This means talking to your partner or relative about his or her health needs, but it also teaches nonnative English speakers how to call 911 or a doctor.

The fourth module covers health issues, including how to deal with alarming symptoms like rapid breathing, sweating, or fever. And the last class teaches caregivers how to prepare for their work and how to break into the home care industry.

CCSF also runs a separate course with the Golden Gate Regional Center for people caring for developmentally disabled family members. 3019 Market, San Francisco, CA 94110. (415) 441-2500.

Planning for Elders in the Central City runs a program called Homecare Worker Empowerment, Research and Organizing that has offered a series of trainings on topics like dealing with substance abuse, setting limits in a caring relationship, and working with people with mental health problems. The next HERO program, in mid February, will deal with how to recognize and report "suspected elder abuse."

PECC is also trying to obtain funding from the Department of Public Health to run support groups for caregivers, says PECC's Karen Sherr. Sherr would like to hear from people who are interested in taking part in support groups. 1370 Mission, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 703-0188.

The Family Caregiver Alliance runs classes for family members caring for people with "adult-onset brain impairment," which can include Alzheimer's, strokes, Parkinson's disease, and brain injuries. The FCA also has fact sheets and other resources for anyone taking care of a disabled relative on its Web site at www.caregiver.org.

FCA runs classes all over the Bay Area's six counties, including an upcoming workshop in San Mateo, for family members of elders, on Internet resources dealing with aging. In San Francisco, FCA will soon run a class for caregivers on coping with the disabilities caused by memory loss. "As memory deteriorates, it might be difficult to help the person to bathe," Reiter says. In Mill Valley and Redwood City, FCA will organize a class on controlling frustration. And in Menlo Park, FCA has a class on love and marriage and memory loss for partners of people who've lost their memory. 690 Market, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94104. (415) 434-3388.

Not everyone regards caregiver education as an unalloyed blessing. Overbo says she prefers to find untrained attendants to help her at home. That way, they come in with no preconceived notions of how to do things, and she can train them in the way she likes things to be done. ❖



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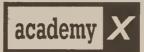
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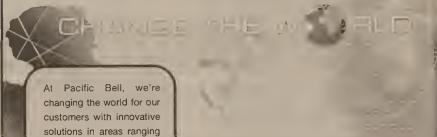
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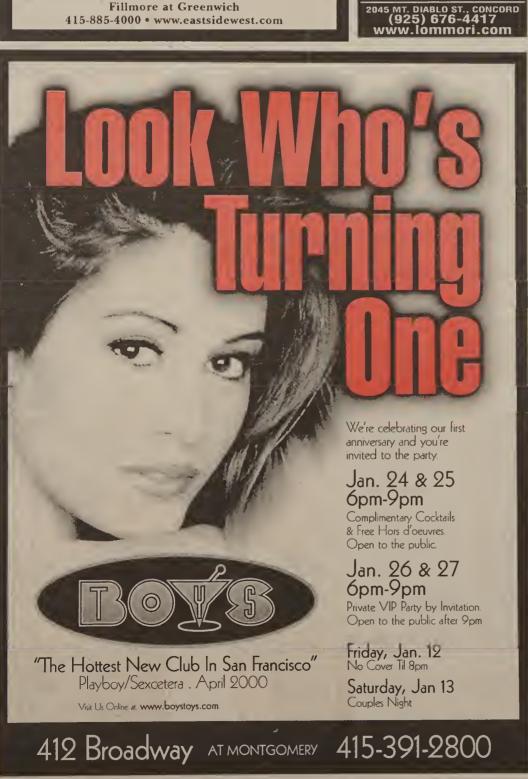






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Josh Jones Bruno's. 9 and 11 pm, \$9.

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Dave Robbins Trio Cafe Claude, 7:30pm.

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Cafe du Nord. 10pm, \$7. Tango No. 9 Clarion Music Center, 816 Sacra-mento; 391-1317. 8pm, \$12. Westa Whitfield Plush Room. 8pm. \$25. Also

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Lorena de la Rosa and Francisco Herrera

Peña del Sur. 7pm, \$3. Sonando 850 Cigar Bar. 10pm. Vivendo de Pao Justice League. 9pm, \$15.

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Candy Sacrifice. 10pm-2am, \$5. Hip-hop, rock, and new wave with Spin and Grand T.
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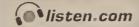


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ast week Judge Snortitt of the Department of Disco Rules and Regulations hosted an emergency conciliatory meeting with two feuding clubbers, DJ Crustbag, an oldschool slacker with the Bitter Bunion crew, and Dick du Jour, a sparkly shirt-clad promoter for the Average Suburban Slaves (ASSes). Crustbag, whom Dick hired two weeks ago to play at his Beautiful Peeps night, claimed that Dick had commanded him to play "Brick House" three times throughout his moody Detroit techno set. In response, Crustbag stole the door money and slandered Dick on the Bitter Bunion message board.

"OK," the judge sniffed. "Let's get this crap over with. I don't have time for this trite raver bullshit. Hey, Crustbag — what about that 20 bag you promised me?"

Crustbag walked up to the mic. "Yo, yo, yo, yo, yo, yo! This shit is dope!"
"All right, you fuckers!" the twitchy judge yelled. "What's the deal? What do you assholes have to stutter for yourselves?"

Crustbag got back on the mic. "I am an artist!" he screamed. "I am an artist just like Jimi and Coltrane and Mozart. And when I am on the decks, I create a very complex sonic universe that only the dopest dancers on earth can comprehend. I condemn Dick and his ASS wipes for being beneath me."

Dick du Jour yawned and made a few calls to his favorite strippers on his cell. "Can I get a blow job at noon? C'mon, baby, I'll put you on the list .:

"Dick, do you have anything unintelligible to say?" the judge demanded.

"Well, 1 — I don't really care. But I'll tell you one thing: Crustbag is not playing at my Black Box and Bosalla reunion tour next week in San Jose."

Judge Snortitt did a small bump behind the stand and consulted his files:

#### ASS: more loose booty than a proctology clinic

The roots of the ASS Nation developed long ago in San Francisco, but luckily remained contained within a few weekend club nights. But the ASS contingent recently has spread to many of the newest spots, ones that feature cute designer furniture and multihued cocktails. Most Bitter Bunions had previously dismissed the ASS people as yuppies, an archaic acronym that has nothing to do with the ASS Nation; although many ASSes live in the city, they retain their suburban tastes and attitudes, and none are actual professionals (i.e., doctors, lawyers, or teachers). Most ASS people have below-average I.Q.s.

ASS events feature tired, rundown house and mainstream trance exclusively and are managed by straight male promoters who subsist on copious amounts of hair gel, free pussy, and cash. ASS promoters fell into the game late in life (after the insurance sales gigs fell through), were into Great White during the early rave years, and care very little about the history of dance music. For them, house music — when paired with E — is a terrific way to regain the popularity they once had in their college fraternities. They have figured out that it is easy to profit off of other people's talent by highlighting their own names on their flyers. They hire only the trendiest DJs and do not believe that a woman's place is behind the decks.

#### Bitter Bunions: over it, tired, and much too knowledgeable

Bitter Bunions are serious music freaks who have lost the energy and the drive to promote a successful event. They are much less presentable than the ASS crowd, cannot make a bar guarantee, and know so much about dance music that just about anything made in Chicago before 1987 will bring tears to their eyes. They hate anyone who goes mainstream, have a beef with certain record store clerks, refuse to take a day job, and think that everyone is out to get them. They rarely enjoy themselves out at night, never dance, and never get laid. They tend to burn drinks and drugs off of people who casually admire them, and if they are ever asked to play at an ASS event, the only pleasure they receive is in getting paid at the end of the night and telling off stupid people who request Armand Van Helden's "Flowers." Bitter Bunions bitch incessantly about how they never get gigs, but have too much pride to make friends with any newcomers because they assume that everybody owes them. Bitter Bunions normally have ridiculously cheap rent, but are in imminent danger of eviction, and when this happens, it's all up to the ASSes.

Judge Snortitt and the entire committee of the Department of Disco Rules and Regulations confirmed that the ASS crew is not inherently evil; they are just mildly retarded party people who would be listening to banjo rock if it was the hottest new thing. Snortitt also confirmed that the Bitter Bunions had better get their shit together quickly, or else the ASS Nation will sit on them and squash them for good.

"The answer is to have the Bitter Bunions infiltrate the ASS Nation," Snortitt said. "Bunions must attempt to play at ASS events — to benefit off of what they initially helped create. In other words, get yo money, you lazy Bunion bitches! We here at the Department of Disco Rules and Regulations considered forcing all ASS promoters to take a four-hour, written house music exam, but decided against it because we couldn't locate enough E on time, and plus, that just goes against the ancient House Nation plan: dance culture is for everyone, even idiots with no style.'

Later, du Jour gave Crustbag a ride home in his new Camaro. "You know something, bro," Dick said respectfully. "You really did start this fucking scene, and I feel like a total ass for thinking that you were a nobody." Crustbag rolled his eyes and asked Dick if he could borrow two grand and hook him up with an 8-ball and a scab-free hooker at noon.

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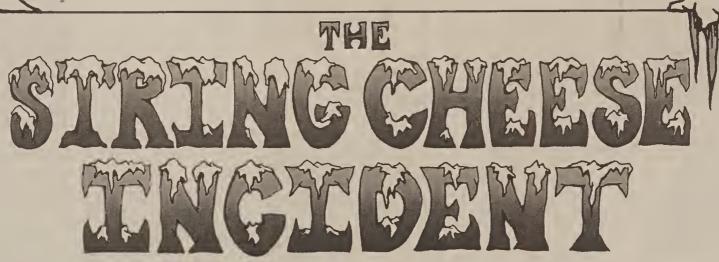
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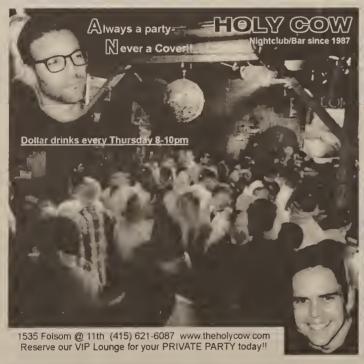
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BJ Papa Cafe Prague, 584 Pacific; 433-3811.

Dred Scott Quartet Eastside West. 9pm.

#### Bay Area

Donald 'Duck' Bailey and the Distones, Anna and Federico Cervantes Anna's, 1801 University, Berk; (510) 849-2662, 8pm

'Mark Hummel's Tenth Annual Blues Harmonica Blowout' Yoshi's. 8 and 10pm, \$28. Long before the blues experienced a renaissance at the hands and in the voices of Robert Cray, Keb' Mo, Alvin Youngblood Hart, and Joe Louis Walker, East Bay har-monica maestro Mark Hummel was valianty blowing in the vein of Little Walter and Sonny Boy Williamson and jamming with the local elders of the urban and country blues tradition. For the past decade he has been taking up where the San Francisco Blues Festival left off for winter season blasts Blues harp heat. This year, Hummel's Blues Survivors, with special guest guitarist Steve Freund, provide churning support for two of the great Chicago-bred giants, Charlie Musselwhite (who has played with every\$15,50-16,50

Josh Jones Quartet 850 Cigar Bar. 10pm.
Mazacote La Peña Cultural Center. 9:30pm,
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Fogfest An Sibin, 1176 Sutter; 929-1992.
8pm-2am, \$3. With residents Deepfog,
Zeremy, and Smurx.
Future Roots Movida Lounge, 200 Fillmore;

934-8637. 9pm. With Kevin and Huckster. Groove Kitty Glas Kat. 9:30pm-2am. House music, trip-hop, and rare grooves with residents.

Hit Parade Nickie's BBQ. 9pm-2am. Kevin and George spin disco, funk, and soul. Lifted Soul HiFi. 9pm. Deep house with



Meeting of the minds: Koto musician Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto will join a host of others at the first Bay Area Japanese Music Summit, Sun/14 at Old First Church.

one from Muddy Waters and Bonnie Raitt to Tom Waits and Eliades Ochoa) and the great James Cotton. (Derk Richardson)

Ellen Robinson No Name Bar, 949 Bridgeway, Sausalito; 332-1392. 9pm.

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers Ashkenaz, 9:30pm, \$11. Dance lesson at 8pm. Larry Stefi Jazz Quartet Albatross, 1822 San Pablo, Berk; (510) THE BIRD. 9pm.

#### Folk/world/country

Alicia Champion Simple Pleasures Cafe.

Santiago 'Coco' Linares, Lalo Izquierdo, and Pedro Rosales Peña del Sur. 8pm, \$8. Órla and the Gas Men Plough and Stars.

Shut-Ins Atlas Cafe. 8pm.

Bay Area

Caren Armstrong Freight and Salvage. 8pm,

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Requiem Kimo's. 9:30pm. Goth music with Push and others.

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Motion and Franzen.

Sub Zero Sno-Drift. 10:30pm-4am. House
and UK garage with resident Sean Ferguson
and guests Shane and Corey Black.

Supastar Sacrifice. 10pm-2am, \$5. With local

DJs. Three Down 26 Mix. 9pm-2am, \$5. House music with M3 and Mauricio.
Universe Club Townsend. 10pm-4am, \$14. House music with David Harness.

#### Bay Area

Contra Dance Marin Masonic Lodge, Fourth St at Lootens, San Rafael; (415) 892-2658. 8pm, \$2-7. Dance lesson at 7:30pm. Gravity Club Fusetti. 10pm. Funk, R&B, soul, and house. Club's anniversary party.

Platforms Zazoos, 15 Embarcadero West, lack London Square, Oakl; (510) 869-1317

Rimshot Bench and Bar, 120 11th St; (510) 839-0580. 9pm, \$6-8. With Mulatto E., Chris Johnson, Naughtyboy, and Sekou spinning hip-hop, R&B, house, and reggae. spinning nip-nop, R&B, house, and reggae. 2001: A Dance Odyssey Alameda Hotel Ballroom, 1415 Broadway, Alameda; (510) 522-1731. 7-11:30pm, \$15-20. Viennese costume hall with the Divertimento Dance

#### Classical

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New Century Chamber Orchestra Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness; 433-6226. 8pm, \$25-30. See Thurs/11.

San Francisco Opera War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness; 864-3300. 8pin, \$23-165, See Thurs/11.

San Francisco Symphony Davies Symphony Hall, 401 Van Ness; 864-6000. 8pm, \$28-80. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

#### Bay Area

Coro Hispano de San Francisco and Conjunto Nuevo Mundo St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison, Berk; (415) 431-4234. 8pm, \$12-15. The coro, with the help of the Jackeline Rago Ensemble, performs a series of charginal batin pugde.

of classical Latin works.

Kronos Quartet Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 North San Pedro, San Rafael; (415) 479-2000. 8pm, \$24-28. The quartet performs a concert of works written by and arranged exclusively for them, including pieces by Steve Reich, P.Q. Phan, and Peteris Vasks.

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Blues jam Blue Lamp. 9:30pm. With Pimp

Drums in Space Paradise Lounge, 7pm, \$4. With Lodi in the upstairs lounge. 7pm, \$4. With Lodi in the upstairs lounge. Guttermouth, Lazy Cowgirls, PBR Street Gang Bottom of the Hill. 5:30pm, \$8. With all-you-can-eat BBQ at 4pm.

Kerauno, Key III, DJ Jai Young Kim El Rio.

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and Blues. 8:30pm, \$5. Music Lovers Cafe du Nord. 8:30pm, \$5. TallBobSmoke, Small Wonder Hotel Utah.

Texas Twister Boom Boom Room. 9:15pm,

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Morris Day and the Time Casino San Pablo, 13225 San Pablo, San Pablo; (415) 421-TIXS. 8 and 10:30pm, \$28.50.

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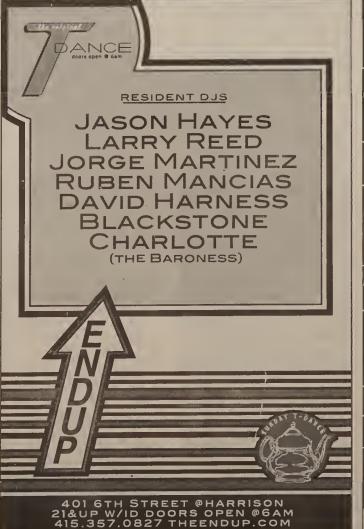
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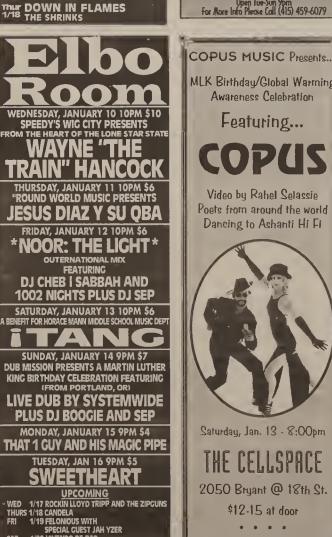












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Dorothy and Henry Piaf's. 11:30am-2:30pm.
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Alan Hightman Simple Pleasures Cafe. 7pm.
Tim Hockenberry Plush Room. 7:30pm.
Love Motel Rassellas. 6pm.
Charles McNeal Ouartet Jazz at Pearl's. 8pm.
Larry O'Leno Piano Bar, 1092 Post; 771-2022.

Oon Pender Quartet Old First Church. 5pm.

Dred Scott Enrico's. 7pm.
Bill Susman Fort Mason Center, Building C room C-10, Marina at Buchanan; 563-5458.

Bill Travis Orchestra Top of the Mark.

Wesla Whitfield Plush Room. 3pm, \$20.

#### Bay Area

Judy Hall Jazz Jam, Dori and Dave 19 Broad-

Randy Hunt Trio Cato's Ale House. 6pm. Jazz Jam session Bluesville. 8pm. Cami Thompson Yoshi's. 2 and 8pm, \$5-12. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

#### Folk/world/country

Eek-A-Mouse Slim's. 9pm, \$18-20. Tony McMahon Band Johnny Foley's. 9pm. Seisuín Plough and Stars. 7pm. With John Sherry and Kyle Thayer.

#### Bay Area

Linda Allen La Peña Cultural Center. 7:30pm,

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Bionic Top. 10pm-2am. With Solar, Mark E. Quark, and Iz.

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Pleasuredome Club Townsend. 9pm-3:30am, \$7. With Neil Lewis and Michael Man-

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Ives Quartet Legion of Honor, Florence Gould Theater, Lincoln Park, 392-4400. 2pm, \$7-10.
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Sean O'Neal St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough; 567-2020, ext 213. 3:30pm. The or-ganist gives a recital.

ganist gives a recital. Virginia Luque Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness; 392-4400. 7pm, \$20-30. The guitarist per-forms a concert of works by Jorge Morel, Agustín Barrios, Astor Piazzolla, and several

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Martin Mayer Sanctuary, 2 Lake; (510) 524-3682. 8pm, \$15. See Fri/12.

San Francisco Opera War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness; 864-3330. 8pm, \$23-165, See Wed/10.

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'Chamber Music Sundaes' St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College, Berk; (415) 584-5946. 3:15pm, \$7-16. The Mozarl String Quartet, an English horn duo, a Beethoven string trio, and other classical musicians

perform a concert.

New Century Chamber Orchestra Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 North San Pedro, San Rafael; 433-6226. 8pm, \$25-30. See Thurs/11.

Walt Strony Berkeley Community Theatre, Allston at Grove, Berk; (510) 632-9177. 2:30pm, \$9-12. The organist gives a concert.

#### monday 15

#### Rock/blues/hip-hop

James Faifua and the Jukes Boom Boom

Henry Miller Sextet, Vocal Disorder, Slumber, Inc. Bottom of the Hill. 9pm.
Open mic Hotel Utah. 7:30pm. With Dayla

Kevin Russell Biscuits and Blues. 8:30pm, \$5. That One Guy and His Magic Pipe Elbo Room.

#### Bay Area

'Blue Monday Jam' Blake's. 9:30pm, \$3. With

the Steve Gannon Band.

Country Pete McGill and friends A&C Club, 1950 San Pablo, Oakl; (510) 893-4100. 9pm.

#### Jazz/new music

Contemporary Jazz Orchestra Jazz at Pearl's.

Dick Conte One Market Restaurant. 7pm. Ezra Gale Trio North Star Restaurant, 288 Connecticut; 551-9840, 6pm

Kevin Gibbs and Ruth Davies Moose's. Spm. Larry O'Leno Enrico's. 7pm. With guests.

#### Bav Area

Jazz improv jam session Black Dot Cafe, 2330 International, Oakl; (510) 533-6629. 9pm, \$3.

Jack West and Curvature Yoshi's. 8 and 10pm, \$10. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

#### Folk/world/country

Acoustic open mic Blue Lamp. 9:30pm. Liza Silva y Voz Do Brazil Top of the Mark. 8:30pm, \$8.

#### Bay Area

'Ceili' Starry Plough. 9pm. Jerry Hannan 19 Broadway. 9:30pm. Sean Hannan Fourth Street Tavern, 9:30pm. John McCutcheon Freight and Salvage. 8pm,

#### Dance clubs

Club Oread Justice League. 9pm, \$10. Forward An Sibin, 1176 Sutter; 929-1992. 8pm-2am, \$3. Urban music with BVDub, Monkey, and 4AM.

Grateful Oead Jams Nickie's BBQ. 9pm-2am. Dark Star Dan plays rare Grateful Dead

Rockin' Java 1821 Haight; 831-8842. 7pm. Hip-hop and open mic. Slapbass Movida Lounge. 9pm. Jazz, soul,

and funk with DJ Emerson. Smoove Blind Tiger, 787 Broadway; 788-4020. 9pm-2am. House music.

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Star Lounge Up & Down Club. 10pm-2am, \$5. DJ Henry and guests spin soul, dance-hall, and hip-hop. Tranquility Base 26 Mix. 9pm-2am. Ambient

sounds with DF Tram and guests.

Tranquilo Annesia. 10pm-2am. Drum 'n' bass, downtempo, and abstract hip-hop with Kamahele, Presha, and G.A.S.

Vroom El Rio. 8pm-midnight. Punk, funk,

Big Bones Biscuits and Blues. 8:30pm, \$5. 'Divabands' Red Devil Lounge. 8:15pm, \$5. With Kelly and Kamille, Ramana Vieira, and

Dixie Dregs, Steve Morse Band Shm's. 8pm,

Andrew Freeman Band Blue Lamp. 9:30pm. Dscar Myers' Bluesbeat Boom Boom Room.

Billy Nayer Show, Faraway Brothers, Roofies

Bottom of the Hill. 9pm, \$7. 'New Roots to Hip-Hop' Last Day Saloon. 9pm, \$5. With Felonious. Dpen mic El Rio. 7:30pm.

Dperation Interstellar, Fabric Drive Kimo's

Royal Finger Bowl Tongue and Groove. 9pm. Sweetheart Elbo Room. 9pm, \$5. Vigilantes of Love, Darling Clementines Cafe

du Nord, 9:30pm, \$6. Bay Area

Green Eggs and Schramm Fourth Street Tav-

Spencer Jarrett Band Ivy Room. 9:30pm, \$5. Danny Uzilevsky 19 Broadway. 9:30pm.

#### Jazz/new music

Ezra Gale Trio Amuesia. 9pm.
Gerry Grosz Trio Beach Chalet. 6:30pm.
Hot Club of San Francisco Eurico's. 7pm.
Paul Mindrup Simple Pleasures Cafe. 8pm.
Kevin Rayhill One Market Restaurant. 7pm.
Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers Top of the Mark. 8:30pm, \$8.

Bay Area

Dave Douglas and Charms of the Night Sky Yoshi's. 8 and 10pm, \$16. See 8 Days a Week,

page 50. pickPocket Ensemble Albatross, 1822 San Pablo, Berk; (510) THE BIRD. 9pm. Skyline High School Band Oakland Public Library, Dimond branch, 3565 Fruitvale, Oakl; (510) 482-7844. 6:45pm.

#### Folk/world/country

Seisuin Plough and Stars. With Suzanne

Bay Area

Chupacabra Blake's. 9:30pin, \$3. Open mic Starry Plough. 7:30pm.

#### **Dance clubs**

Asia Africa Arabia Nickie's BBQ. 9pm-2am. DJ Cheb I Sabbah spins a blend of interna-

**Connected** Rawhide. 9pm. House music with residents Needles, Aspex, and Silverman and

guest Ruben Mancias.

Coolin' Blind Tiger, 787 Broadway; 788-4020.

9pm-2am. With T] and guest DJs.

Down There 26 Mix. 9pm-2am. Hip-hop and downtempo with residents Monkey and Stef.

F#@! Tuesdays Backflip. 10pm-2am. '80s music, soul, breakbeat, and hip-hop.
Fury Cat Club. 9pm.
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9:30pm-2am. With J-Bot, Guthrie, and others spinning techno.
Karamba Glas Kat. 9:30pm-2am.
Node Pow! A Cocktail Lounge. 9pm-2am.
Indie rock and electronica with Thorsten Sideboard and guests.
Soul Samba Dalva, 3121 16th St; 252-7740.
10pm-2am. Latin beats with El Super Chente, Hat Trick Jonny, and Asti Spumanti.
Stylus Movida Lounge, 200 Fillmore; 934-8637. 9pm. DJ B-Love spins hip-hop and reggae.



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Trash Cafe Cocomo. 10pm-2am. With Skip Found Tele, Kevin Parish, O.S.T., and Con-

Wax Sacrifice. 10pm-2am, \$5. Soul music with DJs Wisdom, Pause, and Sake One.

#### Bay Area

Club Fusetti 9pm. Hip-hop and R&B with

Mad Hatter Bench and Bar, 120 11th St; (510) 496-6000, ext 120. 9pm-2am, \$3-5. Underground dance music.

Ruby Room 132 14th St, Oakl; (510) 444-7224.

10pm-2am. Punk rock.

#### Classical

David Bowes and friends Bank of America Center, A.P. Giamini Auditorium, 555 Califor-nia; 252-1288. Noon. The performers give a concert of baroque and classical music. Matthias Goerne Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness; 392-4400. 8pm, \$26-38. The German baritone, accompanied by pianist Eric Schneider, performs an all-Schumann concert

San Francisco Concerto Orchestra Presidio Chapel, Presidio, 130 Fisher Loop; 362-6080. 8pm, \$10. The orchestra performs works by Chopin, Saint-Saens, and Stephen Damonte. Soloists include contralto Edith Dowd and pianist Seth Montfort; Geoffrey Gallegos is the

## events

Events listings are compiled by Mosi Reeves. See 8 Days a Week for information on how to submit items to the listings.

#### wednesday 10

#### Around town

John Adams Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness; 392-4400. 8pm, \$17. The composer (El Niño) is interviewed by Sarah Cahill.

Ted Eliot World Affairs Council, 312 Sutter; 293-4600. 5:15pm, \$5. The U.S. ambassador to Iran discusses the council's recent study tour of the region.

#### **Authors**

Jeffrey Meyers Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 486-0698. 7:30pm, free. The author reads from and signs copies of Privi-

#### thursday 11

#### **Around town**

ter; 293-4600. 5:15pm, 87-10. The Egyptian ambassador to the U.S. discusses "Future Prospects for Peace in the Middle East." 'Truth to Power: Women Prisoners Speak out Against Abuse' San Francisco Women's Building, 3543 18th St; 255-7036, ext 319. 7pm, \$5. Portions of a videotape showing testimony from women prisoners at the state legislature last October will be shown at this event, which also features music, dance, and spoken word by the Guerilla Jazz

Nabil Fahmy World Affairs Council, 312 Snt-

#### Bay Area

'Education for Social Justice' La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 849-2568. 7pm, \$3. PENCIL presents this forum on education and inequality in capitalist

Ethnic Notions 2001: Black Images in the White Mind' Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell, Berk; (510) 644-6860. 7:30pm, free. With a slide show and lecture, Jan Faulkner discusses her collection of historical items that caricature blacks.

#### **Authors**

Paul Borja and Krandall Kraus A Clean Well-

Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness; 931-9248. 7:30pm, free. The authors discuss It's Never About what It's About: What We Chip Conley Hotel Rex, 567 Sutter, 433-4434. 5:30-8:30pm, free. The author signs copies of The Rebel Rules: Daring to Be Yourself in

#### friday 12

#### Around town

Ram Dass and Huston Smith University of San Francisco, Ira and Lenore S. Gershwin Theater, 2350 Turk; (510) 704-4448. 7:30pm, \$20. The two religious authors discuss grace in dying" during this ongoing lecture

\*IFFCON 2001' Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission; 978-2787. 8:30am, \$150. This forum for independent filmmakers opens its doors to the public for a day of networking, instructive panel discussions, and various seminars

and various seminars.
Relationship Essentials Workshop' AIDS
Health Project Services Center, 1930 Market,
476-6448. 6:30-9pm, free. This workshop is
for gay and bisexual men, whether HIV negative or positive, who are seeking to enter a relationship.

'San Francisco Sport and Boat Show' Cow Palace, Geneva at Santos; 563-5100. 11am-9pm, \$3.50-7. Through Sun/21. Over 1,000 boats, yachts, and automobiles of all shapes and sizes will be on display and for sale at this 59th annual event

#### Bay Area

'Healing the Children' American Indian Public Charter School, 3637 MaGee, Oakl; (510) 535-4440. 8:30am-5pm, free. This conference invites the public to look at various aspects of the Native American family. Participants include the Family and Child Guidance Clinic, parents, advocates, and com-munity mental health professionals.

Martin Luther King Jr. celebration University of Creation Spirituality, 2141 Broadway, Oakl; (510) 835-4827, ext 31. 6-9pm, free. The Rev. Dr. King is honored with an art show of local visual artists, a screening of the documentary At the River I Stand, and a namel discussion featuring the Dev. Phillips panel discussion featuring the Rev. Phillip Lawson, author and Yoruba priestess Luisah Teish, poet Rafael Gonzalez, and educator Dr. Barbara Cannon

#### saturday 13

#### Around town

'Laughing Squid 5th Anniversary Celebration' Great American Music Hall, 859 O'-Farrell; 885-0750 or www.laughingsquid .com. 7pm, \$15-18. See 8 Days a Week, page

Lecture on Indonesian art Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park; 750-3638. 10am, \$3-5 after museum admission. The Textile Arts Council hosts this slide lecture by Jean and William Ingram titled "Indonesian Textile and the Indigenous Cultures That Made

Legal advice and referral clinic San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin; 989-1616. 10:30am-noon, free. The Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco periodically offers this free consultation with a volunteer attorney. 'San Francisco Sport and Boat Show' Cow Palace, Geneva at Santos; 563-5100. 11am-9pm, \$3.50-7. Through Sun/21. See Fri/12.

#### sunday 14

#### Around town

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#### Authors

Cara Black Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 486-0698. 7:30pm, free. The novelist reads from and signs copies of Murder in Belleville.

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#### Around town

San Francisco Martin Luther King Jr. Cele-Grove; 252-4655. Noon-3pm, free. See Critic's

'San Francisco Sport and Boat Show' Cow Palace, Geneva at Santos; 563-5100. 11ani-8pm, \$3.50-7. Through Sun/21. See Fri/12.

#### Bay Area

Martin Luther King Jr, celebration Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, 1188 12th St, Oakl; (510) 835-4827 ext 31. 10am, free. The Rev. King is honored in this special service hosted by the University of Creation Spiritu-ality. Performers include the Reconnect Performance Troupe, Jackie Hairston, the Cole Performing Arts Choir, and several others.

#### Authors

Michael Luick-Thrams Berkeley Friends Meeting, 2151 Vine, Berk; (415) 565-0201, ext 12. 7pm, free. The author gives a talk and shows a PBS documentary on his book, Out

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#### Around town

R.M. Abhynakar World Affairs Council, 312 Sutter; 293-4600. 5:15pm, \$5. The consul general of India delivers the talk "Wonders of South Asia: India, Bhutan, Nepal." 'San Francisco Sport and Boat Show' Cow Palace, Geneva at Santos; 563-5100. 11am-8pm, \$3.50-7. Through Sun/21. See Fri/12.

#### **Authors**

Eliahu Klein Cody's, 2454 Telegraph, Berk; (510) 845-7852. 7:30pm, free. The translator discusses The Kabbalah of Creation.

attractions/kid stuff California Academy of Sciences Golden Gate Park; 750-7145. Wed-Tues, 10am-5pm. \$2-8.50 (free first Wed). The academy includes the Steinhart Aquarium, the Morrison Planetarium, and the Natural History Museum; current exhibits include "Venoms: Striking Beauties" and "At Home in Vanuatu: Tradition in the West Pacific

Wed: Discover the world of venomous insects and spiders in "Dangerous Liaisons," 2pm. Sat: Join "Jellyfish Man" Dave Wrobel in a special presentation, 11:30am, 1, and 2:30pm. Tues: Learn how snakes play tricks on their predators, in "Snake Mimicry,"

12:30 and 2:30pm.

Exploratorium 3601 Lyon; 563-7337. Wed, 10am-9pm; Thurs-Tues, 10am-5pm. \$2.50-9 (free first Wed). The museum features hands-on exhibits relating to art, science, and human perception. Wed: "Second Wednesdays" continues with Swiss installation artist Heinrich Lüber's Aerovox, 7pm. Randall Museum 199 Museum Way; 554-9600. Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm. \$6-7. This museum has exhibits and activities for kids. Exhibits include "Trash Bash," an exhibit that teaches how to conserve natural rethat teaches how to conserve natural resources with illustrations and graphics, and "Essentially an Estuary: Our Beloved Bay." Fri-Sun: The Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company presents "Side Show," Fri-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 2 and 8pm, \$4-7. Sat: "Saturdays are Special" continues with "Bottle Cap Cymbals," 1pm; Mary Ellen Donald performs Arabic and Turkish thus 1pm \$4-6. rhythms, Ipm, \$4-6.

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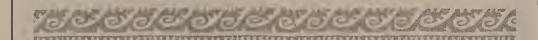
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San Francisco Zoo Sloat at 45th Ave; 753-7080. Daily, 10am-5pm. \$3-11. Check out the zoo's newest attraction: a meerkat and

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
Golden Gate Park, Ninth Ave at Lincoln; 661-1316. Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm; Sat-Sun and holidays, 10am-5pm. Free. The arboretum and gardens are located on 75 acres and boast a collection of 7,500 plants from around the world. Current exhibits include a tribute to Victorian women horticulture il-

lustrators. **Zeum** 221 Fourth St; 777-2800. Sat-Sun, 11am-5pm. \$5-7. The model arts and technology center features activities for kids and teenagers 8 to 18. Exhibits include "Making Music" and "Get Crafty."

Bay Area

Aircraft carrier USS Hornef Museum, Pier 3, Alameda Point, Alameda; (510) 521-8448. Daily (closed Tues), 10am-5pm. \$5-9. This National Historic Landmark is the only air-craft carrier museum on the West Coast. Fri-Mon: A special exhibit opens to commemorate the 1911 flight of Eugene Ely, 10am-

Bay Area Discovery Museum 557 McReynolds, East Fort Baker near Sausalito; (415) 487-4398. Tues-Thurs, 9am-4pm; Fri-Sun 10am-5pm \$6-7. The museum hosts learning labs, exhibits, and activities for chil-dren, including "Seuss," an interactive exhibit based on the work of the late children's author. Camron-Stanford House 1428 Lakeside, Oakl; (510) 444-1876. Guided tours: Wed, 11-4pm, Sun, 1-5pm, and by appointment. \$1-4. This historic house museum, the last Victorian on Lake Merritt, boasts five restored period

Chabot Space and Science Center 10000 Skyline, Oakl; (510) 336-7300. Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. \$5.50-8. This state-of-the-art science and technology facility houses an observatory, planetarium, and exhibits in a natural park setting.

Children's Fairyland USA 699 Bellevue, Oakl; (510) 452-2259. Fri-Sun, 10am-4pm. 55. This 3-D storybook theme park features rides and entertainment for kids, including a play for children, "The Blue Bird," 11am,

2, and 4pm.

Lawrence Hall of Science Centennial Drive off Grizzly Peak Blvd, UC Berkeley, Berk;

(510) 642-5132. Wed-Tues, 10am-5pm. \$3-7. The public science center features all types of exhibits, films, and activities for adults and children. Sat-Sun: Learn how creatures of the dark use their senses to navigate their environment in "Deep Dark Secrets," Noon,

Luna Kids Dance open house El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser, El Cerrito; (510) 530-4113. Wed, 5-6pm. Free. Families are encouraged to visit this informative session with the creative-base dance troupe, who will offer demonstrations, dance games, and refreshments and will be on hand for any questions

Magic Dan Oakland Public Library, Montclair branch, 1687 Mountain, Oakl; (510) 482-7810. Sat, 3:30pm. Free. The longtime Bay Area magician uses his considerable powers for reading and education.

Museum of Children's Art 560 Second St, Oakl; (510) 465-8770. Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, Noon-5pm. Free. This museum features children's art exhibits, art classes, workshops, and other resources for kids, including a new exhibit showcasing children's book illustrators, "Then and Now." Oakland Museum of California 1000 Oak,

Oakl; 1-888-OAK-MUSE. Tues-Thurs, Sat, 10am-5pm; Fri, 10am-9pm; Sun, noon-5pm. \$4-6 (free second Sun). Current exhibits include "La Flor y la Calavera: Altars and Of-ferings for the Days of the Dead," "Secret World of the Forbidden City: Splendors from China's Imperial Palace," and "Fired by deals: Arequipa Pottery." Thurs: Curator Marcia Eymann discusses a memorabilia collection of former Negro League player Toni Stone, 1pm. Sun: A panel discussion and talent show is held on Chinese culture 2pm; a watercolor session is held around the "California Species: Biological Art and Illus-

tration" exhibit, 2-4pm.

Oakland Zoo 9777 Golf Links, Oakl; (510) 632-9525. Daily, 10am-4pm. \$3.50-6.50. Parking \$3. More than 300 animals from around the world occupy 100 acres of land; check out the new warthog exhibit.

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sional setting for artists of all skill levels. 'Friday Night Skate' Justin Herman Plaza, Embarcadero Center; 752-1967. Fri, 8pm. Free. Join the Midnight Rollers every Friday night for a 12-mile skate through the city. 'Improve Your Public Speaking Skills' Parsons Brinckerhoff, 303 Second St, Ste 700N; 923-3257. Wed, 5:30pm. Free. Bechtel Toastmasters offer weekly workshops on public

Introduction to Buddhist Meditation' Old St. Mary's Church, Paulist Center Bookstore, Rm 5, 660 California; 585-9161. Mon, 12:30-1:15pm. Donation. Buddhist nun Gen Wangchen teaches this ongoing drop-in 'Lytic' 123-127 Collingwood; 1-800-246-PRIDE. Various ongoing events; call for times and prices. This center holds many events for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and ques-

'Open Mural Studio' Precita Eyes Mural Arts and Visitors Center, 2981 24th St; 285-2287. Thurs, 7:30pm. \$8. Participate in mural painting or mosaic making projects.

Opera workshops Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission; 554-0402. Thurs, 2-5pm, 6-9pm, Fri, 6-9pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, 2-5pm. Free, reservations required. Visiting composer and librettist Carla Lucero conducts a series of work shops in various vocal disciplines; call for

youths under 24.

Precita Eves' Mission mural walks Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center, 2981 24th St; 285-2287. Sat-Sun, 1:30pm. \$2-10. Tour over 70 murals in the Mission during this six-

Quicktricks bridge club Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka; 621-4582. Tues, 7pm. \$5, second time free. This weekly bridge club is open to players of all skill

levels; partners are provided.

'SF Games' Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission;
679-3678. Fri, 7-10pm. Free. Everyone is invited to play games, including hearts, Scrabble, and dominoes - or you can bring in games — in this weekly group.
'Thursday Showcase' United Nations Plaza,

Market at Hyde; 255-1923. Thurs, 7am. Free. This outside bazaar and flea market offers antiques, collectibles, crafts, and imported

Wine tastings Hats Off! Wine Merchant, 3701 Geary, no. 102; 750-9707. Fri, 3pm, Sat-Sun, noon. Free. Sample wines from France, California, and other locales.

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English as a second language for caregivers Bananas, 5232 Claremont, Oakl; (510) 658-7353. Tues, 6-8:30pm. Free. Through Tues/30. Davida Pugh leads this class for caregivers who wish to learn English-speaking skills, stories, and songs.

North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst,

Berk; (510) 644-6107. Various ongoing events;

call for times and prices. This nonprofit center holds ongoing social events and activities for

Parenting classes Bananas, 5232 Claremont, Oakl; (510) 658-7353. Mon, 7-8:30pm. Free. These year-round classes feature a new topic led by a facilitator and

Sunday Boyz Brunch and Hike' International House of Pancakes, 1825 Fourth St, San Rafael; (415) 485-0870. Sun, 10am. Free. This hiking and social club for gay and bisexual men meets for brunch before venturing off to a nude beach or trail. Support group for women coming out Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berk; (510) 548-8283. Tues, 6:30pm. Free. Women of all ages who are coming out as lesbians or questioning their sexuality are invited to join this discussion and support group.
Turning Point Career Center orientations YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berk; (510) 848-6370. Tues, 1:30pm. Free. This orientation outlines the various job-seeking resources available to the public.

## art

Art listings are compiled by Sarah Han. Because of space limitations, new art shows are listed the week they open (thereafter, shows are listed on a rotating basis), and we cannot list café exhibits. For information on how to submit listings to this section, see 8 Days a Week. Reviews are by Lindsey Westbrook and Megan Wilson.

#### museums

Asian Art Museum Golden Gate Park (near 10th Ave at Fulton); 379-8801. Wed-Sun, 9:30am-5pm (first Wed, 9:30am-8:45pm). \$7, \$5 seniors, \$4 youths "Between the Thunder and the Rain: Chinese Paintings from the Opium War Through the Cultural Revolution, 1840-1979." More than 100 paintings, handscrolls, albums, and fans from a private collection. Through Sun/14.

California Palace of the Legion of Honor Lin-

coln Park (near 34th Ave at Clement); 863-3330. Tues-Sun, 9:30am-5pm. \$7, \$5 seniors, \$4 for 12 to 17, free for 11 and under (free second Wed). Permanent exhibitions include a survey of art from the Renaissance to the modern era. "The Figure in 20th Century Artists Books from the Reva and David Logan Collection." Through Feb 11. "The Visual Art of John Cage: To Sober and Quiet the Mind." Over 50 prints by the composer-artist. Through April 30. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art 151

Third St; 357-4000. Fri-Tues, 11am-6pm; Thurs, 11am-9pm (closed Wed). \$9, \$6 seniors, \$5 students, 13 and under and members free (free first Tues; half-price Thurs, 6-9pm). "010101: Art in Technological Times." See "'01 ls the Loneliest Number," page 39. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts 701 Mission; 978-ARTS. Tues-Wed and Sat-Sun, 11am-6pm; Thurs-Fri, 11am-8pm. \$6, \$3 seniors, students, and youths (free first Thurs, 5-8pm). "Tom Friedman, 00." A 10-year survey of works by the American artist. "Ju venilia." Drawings, scuplture, and photography created by established artists during their formative years. Both exhibits through

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Oakland Museum of California 1000 Oak, Oakl; (510) 238-2200. Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm (from Jan 1-24, also Tues); Sun, noon-Spm (first Fri, 10am-9pm). \$6, \$4 seniors and students. "Secret World of the Forbidden City." Art objects from the Chinese Imperial Court during the Qing dynasty. Through

UC Berkeley Art Museum 2625 Bancroft, Berk; (510) 642-0808. Wed, Fri-Sun, Ham-5pm; Thurs, Ham-9pm. \$6, \$4 seniors and youths. "Tacita Dean/MATRIX 189 Banewl." Dean used four cameras to track a solar eclipse of 1999. Through Jan 28. "Circa 1950." Through May 27.

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#### Opening

Alliance Française 1345 Bush; 775-7755. Mon-Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-7pm; Sat, 9am-1pm. A collection of watercolor paint-

ings by Florence Arnold (reception Thurs/18, 6-8pm). Jan 11-Jan 31. California College of Arts and Crafts Logan Galleries, 1111 Eighth St; 551-9210. Mon, Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm; Tues, 11am-9pm. "A Contemporary Cabinet of Curiosities," Works from the Vicki and Kent Logan collection (reception Times/16.6-8pm). Jan 17. lection (reception Tues/16, 6-8pm). Jan 17-

Joseph Chowning Gallery 1717 17th St; 626-7496. Call for hours. Recent paintings by Eduardo Carrillo (reception Sat/13, 2-4pm). Ian 13-March 1

Crown Point Press 20 Hawthorne; 974-6273. Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm. An exhibit of John Cage's notes, maps, and scores. Jan 11-Feb

Crucible Steel 2050 Bryant; 648-7562. Daily, 10am-10pm. "Corpus Optics," photographs and mixed-media works by Bill Daniel, Victoria Mara Heilweil, and Isaac Immanuel (reception Fri/12, 6-9pm). Jan 12-Aug 31.
Fort Haggis 3030 20th St. Unit B; 285-0321. Call for hours. "B," paintings and drawings by Sacha Eckes (reception Fri/12, 8pm-midnight). Jan 12-Feb 5.

Haines 49 Geary; 397-8114. Tues-Sat, "Found," photographs by Nigel Poor.
Through Wed/10. "Imagiro in Bronze," an installation by Yoshitomo Saito (reception Sat/13, 5:30-7pm). Jan 13-Feb 24. "Seven Heavens," works by Darren Waterson. Jan 13-

Hang Gallery 556 Sutter; 434-4264. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm. "Mostly Stories," mixed-media paintings by Alex Mitchell (reception Thurs/11, 6-8pm). Jan 11-30. Limn Gallery 292 Townsend; 977-1300. Tues-Fri, 10:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 11am-5:30pm. Paintings by Linda Day and René Norman (reception Fri/12, 6-8pm). Jan 12-Feb 24. Anthony Meier 3007 Jackson; 351-1400. Tues-Fri, 11an1-5pm. New works by Richard Tut-tle. Jan 12-Feb 16.

Meridian 545 Sutter; 398-7229. Tues-Sat, 11ant-5:30pm. "Chinese Paper Ephemera: Collected and Transformed," works by book artist Anna Wolf (reception Thurs/11, 6-9pm). Jan 11-Feb 10.

Modernism 685 Market; 541-0461. Tues-Sat, 10am-5:30pm. New paintings and works by Mark STOCK (reception Thurs/11, 5:30-8pm). Jan 11-Feb 24.

New Langton Arts 1246 Folsom; 626-5416. Wed-Sat, noon-5pm. "Stranger than You," six illustrators take a comedic look at human interaction (reception Thurs/11, 6-9pm)

ODC Theater Gallery 3153 17th St; 626-6745. Thurs, 3-5pm; Sat, 3-6pm. Recent works by John Jacobsen. Jan 15-Feb 17.

Reflections Gallery 589 Howard; 896-5958. Tues-Fri, 10am-noon and 1-6pm; Sat, noon "SOMAsexy," glamour and pinup art by Bill Lemon, Mike Massee, Craig Scoffone, Barbara Traub, and Bernadette and Ron Olson (reception Thurs/11, 6-9pm). Jan 11-

San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery 401 "Canal," works by Liz Cohen, and "Made Lives," drawings by Sandra Wong. Through Jan 27. Paintings by Suzanna Mah Fong. Through Feb 18. "Criminal Justice," photographs by Robert Gumpert. Through March 3. Paintings by Jan Wurm, quilts by CherryMae Golston, and collages by Stefan

Komozi. Through March 11.
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery Fort Mason, Bldg A, Marina at Laguna; 441-4777. Tues-Sat, 11:30am-5:30pm. The works of Kent Alexander, Machiko

The works of Kent Alexander, Machiko Kondo, and Seyed Alavi (reception Wed/10, 5:30-7:30pm). Through Feb 2. **Shapiro** 760 Market, Ste 248; 398-6655. Ties-Fri, 10:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 10:30am-5pm. "Vulgaris," photographs by Ron van Dongen. Through Sat/13. Photographs by Henri Cartier-Bresson (reception Feb 1, 5:30-7:30pm). Jan 16-Feb 24. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

Marcel Sitcoske 25 1 Post; 434-4804. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. "Hydro," works by various artists; curated by Erin Parish (reception

Chinese music lessons Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearney; 986-1822. Sun, 10am-noon, 1:30-3:30pm. \$15. Multi-instrumenlessons in traditional Chinese music for

Figure-drawing session Spec's Twelve Adler Museum Cafe, 12 Saroyan; 391-3191. Sun, 1pm. \$12.50. This workshop sets live mod-els of different sizes and sexes in a profes-

## '15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. **Holiday Celebration**'

Sat/13, Yerba Buena Gardens; Mon/15, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium

elebrate the man with a dream at San Francisco's two-day Martin Luther King Jr. birthday fiesta. Saturday, head to the Yerba Buena Gardens for the event's official kickoff with Rev. Cecil Williams. Stick around to ride the carousel and browse the art exhibits as the surrounding Metreon, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and Zeum get into the spirit by offering up discounted and free admissions. Monday, East and South Bay types can hop a "Freedom Train" BART or Caltrain, arriving around 11:30 a.m., just in time for the festivities, which begin with a march from Fourth

Street at Townsend, past the YBC, to the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. Following the march, the Bill Graham hosts a rally with speakers — including John S., the 17-year-old winner of the Martin Luther King Jr. "FreeWrite" contest (sponsored by San Francisco WritersCorps Youth), who'll read his poem "Disturbing the Peace" - music, performers, arts and crafts vendors, and more. Sat/13, noon-5:30 p.m., Yerba Buena Gardens, Mission between Third and Fourth Sts., S.F. Free; Mon/15, march 11:30 a.m., Fourth St. at Townsend, S.F. Free; rally 12:30-3:30 p.m., Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove, S.F. Free. (510) 268-3777. (Cheryl Eddy)



#### **Jimmy Lee Sudduth**

Through Jan. 27, Friday the Thirteenth West

ural Alabama artist Jimmy Lee Sudduth began making art almost 90 years ago, using his fingers to paint with mud on pieces of wood. Gradual experimentation led him to vary his colors using additives like flour and coffee grounds; these are all materials that he still uses, though he has also incorporated house paint into his work over the last 30 years. He still paints with his fingers, too. Other than one trip to Manhattan, one trip to New Orleans, and a few recent expeditions to folk art festivals, he's had minimal contact with the outside art world, and he's certainly never had any formal training. So it makes little sense to try to explain his paintings in the context of contemporary artists, or even "realism" in the art-historical sense. They are neither realistic nor surrealistic, neither pure emotion nor pure representation. Sudduth doesn't seem to think of his own work in these terms either. He sticks to familiar, comfortable subjects: dogs, cats, buses, the faces of people he's seen, and even a very charming mud-colored alligator with multicolored polka dots. He reveals a lot of himself in each work - the marks of his fingers, the grainy texture of the mud, the pitch-black background, the small bared teeth of his grimacing portraits - and yet he also leaves almost everything to the viewer's imagination. His art can be spooky or vi-



sionary or cheerful or inexplicable (particularly mysterious is the frequent appearance of the Statue of Liberty in the guise of what looks like an African tribal warrior; in one painting she holds a guitar and stands atop an enormous teacup). But as an outsider artist. Sudduth creates his own artistic motivations and his own mythology. Thurs.-Sat., 1-5 p.m., 331 Potrero, S.F. (415) 863-2285. (Lindsey Westbrook)

Sat/13, 5-7pm). Jan 13-Feb 10. 600 Townsend 600 Townsend; (510) 236-PRSG. Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm. "Natural Selec-tions," sculptures by several artists (recep-tion Thurs/11, 5:30-7:30pm). Jan 11-Feb 23. UC Berkeley Extension 55 Laguna; (650) 696-1180. Call for gallery hours. "Alcatraz: Seen and Unseen," black-and-white photog-raphy by Corrie McCluskey. Jan 15-Feb 22. University of San Francisco Thacher Gallery, 2130 Fulton; 393-8003. Mon-Fri, noon 5:30pm. "Pencil and Paper," drawings by Samuel Fleming Lewis (reception, Feb 1, 3-5pm). Jan 15-Feb 25.

Bay Area Hollis Street Project 5900 Hollis, Emeryville; (\$10) 653-6871. Mon-Sun, 8am-6pm. "Insight Out," photographs by 11 northern California photographers; "Partially Nude," works by 10 Bay Area artists; "Scrambled Edge," an eelectic array of works by 11 artists (all receptions Sun/21, 2-5pm). Jan 15-

Women's Cancer Resource Center Gallery 3023 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 548-9286. Tues-Thurs, 1-7pm; Sat, noon-4pm. Acrylic paintings by Corinne Innis (reception Sat/20, 5-7pm). Jan 16-Feb 26.

#### Ongoing

ArtHaus 1053 Bush, Ste 2; 922-8219. Call for appt. "Revelations," new works by various artists. Through March 31.

Aurobora Press 147 Natoma; 546-7880.

Mon-Sat, 11an-5pm. "Review 2000," recent prints by various artists. Through Jan 31.

Eleonore Austerer 540 Sutter; 986-2244. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. Bronze sculptures by Felipe Castañeda. Ongoing.

Bayview Opera House Ruth Williams Memor-

ial Theater, 4705 Third St, 643-7292. Mon-Sat, noon-5pm. "The Human Family Tree/A Walk Through Paradise, an environmental installation," exhibition of the works of Heidi Hardin with a soundtrack by Jonathan

John Berggruen 228 Grant; 781-4629. Mon-Fri, 9:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 10:30am-5pm. "A

Decade of Sculpture: 1990-2000," works by Stephan Balkenhol; new sculptures by Rose-line Delisle. Both exhibits through Jan 27. Catharine Clark 49 Geary; 399-1439. Tues-Fri, 10:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 11am-5:30pm. "New Gods," works by Don Ed Hardy; "Bed of Roses," works by George Herms. Both exhibits through Feb 10.

Chinese Culture Center 750 Kearny, Third fl; 986-1822. Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. "Bruce Lee: A Retrospective." Through Feb 18. Clarion Alley Between 17th and 18th Sts and Mission and Valencia; 863-1860. Call for hours. For the past eight years the Clarion Alley Mural Project (CAMP) has provided an alternative space for artists to express ideas and imagery that might not be supported by other civic venues. Andrew Schoultz's untitled mural is amazing in its formal scope and the emotional charge it sparks through its socio-political vision. CAMP founders Aaron Noble and Rigo 00's Superhero Warehouse is a maximum-security facility for "additionally-abled" individuals. Check out the alley soon, since three buildings (including the two featuring the works by Schoultz, Noble, and Rigo) are slated for demolition in 2001 to make way for new condos. Ongoing. (Wilson)

Creativity Explored 3245 16th St; 863-2108.

Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm. Creativity Explored, which has provided adults with disabilities the opportunity to express themselves through art since 1983, recently opened its on-site gallery. Currently the work on view includes Sara O'-Sullivan's whimsical grid drawings of birds and figures and her papier-maché sculptures, Betty Bernard's highly textured complex collages that bring to mind Romare Bearden, and Frank Castello's colorful tile houses. One of the most stunning and delightful pieces is by Ricardo Estella: a rough-hewn, yet intricate, gold papier-mâché Spanish-style church fea-turing murals of Noah's ark, mermaids, and angels. The gallery also has several standing files of works on paper to peruse. Ongoing,

Doiby Chadwick 266 Stater, Fourth fl; 956-3560. Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm. New paintings by Kyle McDonald and recent monotypes by

Betty Merken. Through Sat/20 Encantada 908 Valencia; 642-3939. Tues-Sun,

Encantada 908 Valencia; 642-9939. Ites-Sun, noon-6pm; Fri-Sat, noon-8pm. "Cuentos," Oaxacan-inspired paintings by Lizza Jones and Curt Fukuda. Through Wed/10. Focus Gallery 2423 Polk; 567-9067. Tues and Thurs, noon-9pm; Sun, Wed, Fri, and Sat, noon-6pm. "Below Zero," winter landscapes by Lena Herzog. Through Mon/15. Friday the Thirteenth West 331 Potrero; 863-

2285. Thurs-Sat, 1-5pm. Recent paintings by Jimmy Lee Sudduth. See Critic's Choice. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Historical Society 973 Market, Ste 400; 777 5455. Fri, 1-5pm; Sat-Sun, 2-5pm. "Images of Black Men," sculptures by Kemit Amen-hophis (closing reception Thurs/11, 5:30-

Brian Gross Fine Art 49 Geary; 788-1050. Tues-Fri, 10:30am-5:30pm; Sat, 11am-5pm. Recent paintings by Teo Gonzales. Through

30pm). Through Thurs/11.

Hackett-Freedman 250 Sutter, Fourth fl; 362 7152. Tues-Fri, 10:30am-5:30pm; Sat, Ham-5pm. Recent paintings by Corda Eby and John Evans; "Modern Masters, Works on Paper," by several artists. Both exhibits

Jack Hanley Gallery 395 Valencia; 522-1623. Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm. "On the Home Ground," recent paintings by Kent Iwemyr. Through Feb 4.

Hhosfelt 430 Clementina; 495-5454. Tites-Sat, 11am-5:30pm. "Phylum: New Pictures," hy Richard Barnes; "Thirty Times the Length of My Breath," works by Orit Raff. Both exhibits through Sat/20.

Pasquale lannetti 531 Sutter; 433-2771. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm. Various works by European, American, and Mexican masters.

'Inhabiting the Lotscape' Along China Basin Blvd, south of the intersection with Mission Rock Blvd; 841-7757. 24 hours. Marisa Jahn, site-specific installation of resin photo-text panels. Through July 31.

Istituto Italiano di Cultura 425 Washington; 788-7142. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. "Cagliari-San Francisco," oils on canvas and etchings by Mario Delogu. Through Fri/12.

jennjoy 49 Geary, Fourth ft; 398-2040. Ties-Sat, 11am-5pm. "[climax]," the works of Sheila Pepe, Jessica Snow, Jonathan Hammer, Bill Durgin, Julian Hoeber, Amy Elling-son, Jason Kleidosty, Twan Janssen, and

Veronica Dejesus. Through Jan 27.

Jock McDonald Film Studio 1417 15th St; 282-6423. Call for hours. "Snap! Shots," photo surrealistic painting on velvet by

Laura Hazlett. Ongoing.

Linc Real Art 1 Otis; 503-1981. Thurs-Sat, noon-5pm (or call for appointment). Drawings and paintings by Tim Evans. Through

Meyerovich 251 Post, Fourth fl; 421-7171. Mon-Fri, 9:30am-6pm; Sat, 10am-5:30pm. Sculptures by Guy Dill and monotypes by

Matt Phillips. Through Feb 10. 111 Minna Gallery 111 Minna; 974-1719. Call for hours. "Novo Deus II," recent paintings by Doze Green. Through Jan 31. Pond 214 Valencia; 437-9151. Wed-Sat, 1-7pm; also by appointment. Photographs by Jennifer Fiore and Permi Gill, video sketch es by Saiman Li, and a multimedia installa-tion by Terry Mason. Through Jan 31. tion by Terry Mason. Through Jan 31. Project Artaud 401 Alabama; 863-2141. Ties-Sat, 11am-5pm. "Re creation," mixed-media works by Allison Shields; "correction," wall painting by Nestor Kruger; "Badminton," installation by Kenneth Tin-Kin Hung. All exhibits through Feb 3. Refusalon 20 Hawthorne; 546-0158. Ties-Sat, 10am-6pm. "Hometown Hero," video piece by Slater Bradley. Through Jan 27. S. F. Art Institute. Walter and McBean Gal-S.F. Art Institute Walter and McBean Galleries, 800 Chestnut; 771-7020. Mon-Sat, lam-6pm. "Anne Sanders. The Story of a Feeling," new work by Pierre Huyghe and Philippe Parreno. Through Sat/20. "Recess," a group show comprising work by eight individual artists and three artists' teams, encourages risk and creative liberation. The curators challenged artists to confront projects previously thought to be, as they phrase it in their exhibition statement, "too scary, too ambitious, too unambitious, too politically incorrect, too politically correct, too per sonal, too pretentious, too light, too big, too ridiculous or projects they conceived of as being impossible." In answer to this complex assignment, the artists inject the unruly and absurd into the familiar and traditional. Val F. Russell's Virtual Tattoo. traditional. val F. Russell's Virtual Introo, Part II (a video projection layering graf-fiti onto stairs) explores the psychic pa-rameters of space and entitlement, while Tania Vu's Experiment (a mass of English ivy, chart paper, solutions, electrodes, and electronics) defies traditional notions of art. Several works seem too contrived in this environment of creative abandon, but I consider them exceptions

in an impressive show overall. Through Sat/20.(Wilson)

Terrain 165 Jessie, Second fl; 543-0656. Wed-Sat, 11am-5:30pm. "Of Nearby Stars and Distant Suns: Contemporary Artists
Respond to the Phenomena of Light," mixed media. Through Feb 31.
Roy Vinson 2146 Third St; 431-9261 Call

for appointment. Seventy-two oil paintings by Roy Vinson. Ongoing.

Vorpal 393 Grove; 397-9200. Tues-Sat,

Vorpal 393 Grove; 397-9200. Tues-Sat, 11am-6pm. "2001 an Art Odyssey," new paintings, sculptures, and works on paper (reception Thurs/11, 5:30-8pm). Through Feb 10.

Bay Area

Babilonia 1808 1808 Fifth St, Berk; (510) 549-1808. Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm. "Atom Boy Returns to Save the World!?" showcases Kenji Yanobe's postapocalyptic survival gear, which has risen to the level of congear, which has risen to the level of con-ceptual art. His Atom Car, for instance, re-ally drives and has a stereo that only plays one tune: "Duck and Cover," the theme song from a 1950s nuclear-education film. Of course it's a joke; these instructions couldn't protect you from radioactive fallout, and neither would Yanobe's brilliant yellow Atom Suit, which is equipped with Geiger counters and strobe scopes. But he wore the suit anyway when he and a pho-tographer visited Chernobyl in 1997, taking pictures of Yanohe wandering through the ruins. It would he easy to say that they make light of the tragedy that happened there, but by exposing himself to harmful levels of radiation for art's sake and by making it beautiful, Yanobe rises above the joke and transforms himself into an apocalyptic work of art. Through Sun/14. (Lindsey Westbrook)

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#### theater

#### Opening

Glengarry Glen Ross Geary Theater, 415 Geary; 749-2228. \$15-61. Opens Wed/10, 8pm. Runs Tues-Sat, 8pm (also Wed and Sat, opin. Rulis Itas-sat, opin (uso Vectain aut.) 2pm; no 2pm show Wed/10, Mon/17; Tues/16, 7pm show replaces 8pm show); Sun, 2pm (no show Jan 28; Sun/14, 7pm show replaces 2pm show). Through Feb 4. ACT performs David Mamet's award-winning play about greedy real estate salesmen

Great Religions of America The Marsh, 1062 Valencia; 826-5750. \$15-17. Opens Thurs/11, 8pm, Runs Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Feb 3. Charlie Varon directs an extended run of Frank Wortham's play about sex, fashion, drugs, guns, virgins, and rock stars.

Harold's Death Il Teatro 450, 449 Powell; 433-1172. \$15-20. Previews Fri/12, 7pm. Opens Sat/13, 7pm. Runs Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7pm. Through Feb 10. Working Women Festival 2001 presents Kate Moira Ryan's play about a 17-year-old girl's discovery of her identity, gender, and sexuality in the most unexpected of families.

Rhinoceros Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St; Thurs/11-Fri/12, 8pn: Opens Sat/13, 8pn: Runs Wed-Sat, 8pn; Sun, 7pn (also Sun/21, Jan 28, Feb 4, 3pn). Through Feb 10. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

#### Bay Area

Indiscretions Marin Theatre Company, 397 Miller, Mill Valley, (415) 388-5208. \$24-40. Opens Thurs/11, 7:30pm. Runs Tues-Tlurs, 7:30pm (also Jan 25, 1pm); Fri-Sat, 8pm (also Feb 3, 2pm); Sun, 2 and 7pm. Through Feb 4. Amy Glazer directs Jean Cocteau's dark comedic play about a dysfunctional family embroiled in incestuous and tragic relationships.

#### **Ongoing**

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## 'Squad 2001'

Through Sat/20, Thick House

ur greatest secrets and fears are ones we hope to keep locked away, hidden from the view of others (and ourselves). All-female dance and theatrical performance group Squad probes the very things that embarrass and terrify us, but fortunately the trio uses wit and humor to make painful disclosures easier to swallow. Its latest work, the threepart Squad 2001, features two premieres and one returning piece. The first vignette. Debt. focuses on that bourgeois no-no, talking about personal finances; in each performance, the actors spontaneously disclose different true accounts from their own lives. Physics of a Delicate Nature is a solo monologue-dance performance in which a woman hides behind the laws of quantum physics to counter her fear of being labeled unstable and delicate. She soon realizes that science does not guard her from reality; rather, it helps her accept and appreciate her "fragile" nature. Squad also examines the idea of reality in its reprise of Leisure Lost, a



PHOTO OF (FROM LEFT) DIANE SHIELDS, SUSANNAH MAY. AND KATIE MOREMEN

traveloque play (featuring special guest Paul Benney of OnSite Dance Company) imbued with dance and banter that challenges and mocks the idea of "the perfect vacation." Thurs.-Sat., 8 p.m., 1695 18th St., S.F. \$15-\$20. (415) 401-8081. (Sarah Han)

Theatre, 470 Florida; 399-1809. \$22.50 Theatre, 470 Florida; 399-1809. \$22.50 (Thurs, pay what you can). Thurs-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2 and 7pm. Through Jan 28. Sarah Felder, Lisa Geduldig, Jeff Raz, Dan Rothenberg, and Betsy Salkind star in this hilarious comedic performance.

Destin@ation.\$F Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St; 863-7576. \$25. Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7:30pm. Through Sun/21. Spectacles Productions presents its latest musical, featuring lavish costumes and special lighting effects.

Costumes and special lighting effects.

The Gondoliers Yerba Buena Center for the
Arts, 701 Mission; 978-ARTS. \$15-36. Fri-Sat, 8pin; Sun, 2pin. Through Sun/21. Lamplighter Music Theatre presents Gilbert and Sullivan's effervescent play set in Venice.

A Grand Night for Singing New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness; 861-8972. \$16-27.

32. Thurs-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2pm. Through Sun/21. The New Conservatory Theatre Center presents Rogers and Hammerstein's

Mamma Mia! Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market; 512-7770. \$33-75. Tues-Sat, 8pm;

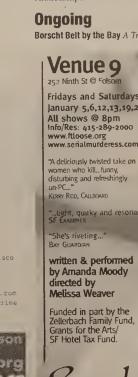
Sun, 7:30pm. Through Feb 17.1 can't admit to ever having been an ABBA fan, so I was amazed at how many of the group's 22 songs featured in this smash London musical were completely ingrained in my consciousness. Catherine Johnson's book, centered on a wedding on a Greek island, is an amusing trifle but often quite clever in working in these familiar songs. Given the high camp factor, what's surprising is just how effective these tunes are theatrically, and under Phyllida Lloyd's playful direction the evening has joyous, megawatt energy more typical of old-time musical comedy. This U.S. premiere features a marvelous cast, spot-on musical direction by Edward G. Robinson, and a simple but luscious production design by Mark Thompson. It's a bubble-gum evening to be sure, but of very high quality and enormous fun. (Rosenstein) Mission Magic Mystery Tour Eureka Theater, 215 Jackson; 392-4400. \$24-30. Wed-Sun, 8pm (also Sun, 3pm). Through Jan 28. See

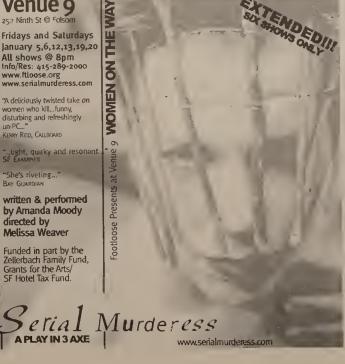
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Oil! — Chapter One: 'The Ride' Magic The atre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg D; 437-6775. \$20-22. Tues-Sat, 8:30pn; Sun, 3pm. Through Jan 28. Word for Word presents the first chapter of Upton Sinclair's play about

California oil boom

Serial Murderess, a Play in Three Axe Venue 9, 252 Ninth St; 289-2000. \$12-15. Fri-Sat, 8pm. Through Sat/20. Writer-performer Amanda Moody presents a triptych of women who make murder a habit. Moody inhabits Erzebet, the 17th-century Transylvanian countess whose passion for preserv ing her youth and beauty led her to kill 672 women and girls to bathe in their blood; Ruth, a 19th-century English housewife who "helped along" 27 husbands and children to insure a steady income; and Joan, a currentday prostitute about to be electrocuted for the murders of her clients. Moody, an accomplished singer, is also a gifted and versa tile actor, but these pieces are often dramati-cally static, having little to drive them beyond the complex personalities at their core Director Melissa Weaver and costume designer Jennifer Trammell create lush, iconic images, and Moody is riveting when she has a story to tell, but too often these word arias re more song than substance. (Rosenstein) Stomp Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sut-ter; 771-6900. Tues-Fri, 8pm (also 1pm last Wed of each month); Sat, 5 and 9pm; Sun, 3 and 7pm. No performances Feb 27 or March 27. \$25-45. Open-ended. The crashing, pounding synchronicity of the percussion-dance-performance event *Stomp* is now





## calendar

shaking up the Marines Memorial Theatre on an ongoing basis, with Bay Area artists, including San Franciscan Sophia Sharp. making up a portion of the cast.

Teatro ZinZanni: Love, Chaos, and Dinner Le

Palais Nostalgique, Pier 27 and 29, Embar-cadero at Battery; 438-2668. \$125-140. Wed-Sat, 6:30pm; Sun, 5:30pm. (No performances Feb 11 or Feb 15) Open-ended. This mix of "love, chaos, and dinner" in a beautifully restored art nouveau cabaret features a five-course meal served by a madcap wait staff and close encounters with talented dancers comedians, singers, and acrobats.

#### Bay Area

The Illusion Marin Theatre Company, Salt Leiberman Studio Theater, 397 Miller, Mill Valley; (415) 388-5208. \$10-20. Thurs-Sat, 8:15; Sun, 7:15pm (also Jan 28, 2:15pm). Through Jan 28. See "On Tour," page 42.

#### dance

'Body and Voice' 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero; 430-2160. \$12-20. Sat, 8pm. This benefit show for Tara Brandel's Mna Rua Dance Productions is hosted by Fairy Butch and features spoken word by Lynne Breedlove, poetry by Victoria McNichols, and solo dance performances by Krissy Keefer and Brandel (who debuts her new

work, Under Wear).
'ODC/unplugged' ODC Theater, 3153 17th St; 863-9834 Wed, 6:30pm. (also Feb 7 and Mar 21, 6:30 p.m.) \$15. If you haven't seen ODC/San Francisco's dancers before, the up close and personal way is best. With a regular season or two at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, it's nice that the company doesn't the Aris, it's nose up at the studio space it grew up in. ODC/Unplugged is a behind-the-scenes look at ODC/San Francisco choreographers Brenda Way, KT Nelson, and Kimi Okada's works in progress. January features a new piece by Nelson entitled *House of* Cards set to a commissioned score by Zap Mama. (Belmar) 'SQUAD 2001' Thick House, 1695 18th St;

401-8081. Thurs-Sat, 8pm. \$15-20. Through

Sat/20. See Critic's Choice. 'Umoja' ODC Theater, 3153 17th St; 863-9834. Sat, 8pm. \$15. See 8 Days a Week,

#### Bay Area

'Best of Diablo Ballet' Zellerbach Hall, Ban-croft at Telegraph, UC Berkeley, Berk; (510) 642-9988. \$30-35. Sat, 8pm. The Diablo Ballet performs the West Coast premiere of Val Caniparoli's Open Veins, plus Norbert Vesak's Belong Pas de Deux, Nikolai Kabaniaev's Bach de Trois, and Kelly Teo's Dancing Miles.

#### performance

'Aerovox' Exploratornun, 3601 Lyon; 563-7337. Wed, 7pm. \$2.50-9. The Exploratorium provides an evening of performances and installations concerning the visible and aural characteristics of air.

Bringing in the Noise for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr' ODC Theater, 3153 17th St; 626-6745. Mon, 7:30pm. \$2-8. Youth Speaks sponsors an evening of poetry, hip-hop, dance, art, and spoken word in honor of King's birthday.

'Chekhov: An Évening of One-Act Farces' Goat Hall, 400 Missouri; (650) 355-2597. Fri, 8pm; Sun, 2pm. \$10-12. Harriet March Page directs Robert L. Weiss's Natalia: The Proposal, a one-act musical adapted from Chekhov's The Marriage Proposal; Sasha Litovchenko directs The Bear, The Jubilee, and Smoking Is Bad for You.

'Drowning Room' SomArts, 934 Brannan; 468-3582. Thurs-Sun, 8 and 9:30pm. Free. Performance group Crisus and the Cutting

Pall Theater present a theatrical installation examining hate and oppression.

The Face' Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission; 554-0402. Fri, 8pm. \$5-10 donatron. Bruce Bierman directs this musical play, inspired by Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorum Gray, about 1920s Hollywood silent-film actor Ramon Navarro.

'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' Aunt Charhe's Lounge, 133 Turk; 441-2922. Sat, 10pm and midnight. Free. Through Jan 27. Kristy Cruise hosts a drag cabaret.

'Into the Cave ...' Bayfront Theater, Fort Mason Center, Bldg B, Third fl; 474-8935. Fri, 10:30pm. \$7. An improvisational team of ac tors examines true-to-life emotions, identi-

'More or Less' Bayfront Theater, Fort Mason Center, Bldg B, Third fl; 474-8935. Fri, Spin. \$10. The Loose Moose Theater in Calgary presents a new type of performance in which the audience decides the outcome of

'Scenic Routes' The Marsh, 1062 Valencias (510) 986-9114. Suu, 7pm. Free. Golden Thread Productions presents Yussef El Guindi's play about the challenges of a

Guind's play about the challenges of a cross-cultural relationship.

'Side Show' Randall Museum Theater, 199
Museum Way; 554-9523. Fri/12-Sun/14 and Sat/20, 8 p.m. (also Sun/14, 2 p.m.); Sun/21, 2 p.m. \$4-7. See 8 Days a Week, page 50.

Theatresports All-Star Competition Bayfront Theater, Fort Mason Center, Bldg B, Third fl; 474-8935. Sat, 8pm. \$12. Teams of three actors vie against one another in this improv theater competition.

#### Bay Area

Phat Man Dee Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 841-2082. Fri, 9:30pm. \$6. Also, Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell; 885-0750. Sat, 7:30pm. \$15. Eccentric performer Phat Man Dee and her jazz quintet, Margalit and the Liquitones, appear for a night of inusic, poetry, and belly dancing. 'Sing for Hope' First Congregational Church, 2435 Channing, Berk; (510) 655-3435. Fri, 8pm. \$35-50. Seven members of New York's

Brightest Young Rising Opera Stars perform arias and songs from Broadway hits. Proceeds benefit the Center for AIDS Services. 
Waiting for Godot! La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid; (510) 234-6046. Fri-Sat, 8pm. \$8-12. Through Feb 3. Yoni Barkan directs Samuel Beckett's apocalyptic absur-

#### comedy

Brainwash Cafe and Laundromat 1122 Folsom; 861-3663. Thurs, 8pm: open mic with host Tony Sparks, free.
Cobb's Comedy Club 2801 Leavenworth; 928-

4320. Thurs-Sun, 8pm (also Sat, 10pm): Dom Irrera, Kevin Kataoka, and Rohert

400 Club 400 29th Ave; (510) 261-1108. Wed, 9pm: open mic with host Tony Sparks, free. Java Source 343 Clement; 541-5610. Tues, 9:30pm: Laffaccino Comedy Open Mike;

with host Nick Leonard, free.

Jazz Performance Center 1801 Jefferson, Oakl; (510) 982-0490. Sat, 8:30pm: All Pro Comedy Showcase, \$5.

Luggage Store 1007 Market; 255-5971. Tues, 8pm: open mic with host Tony Sparks, \$1-3. Paradise Lounge 308 11th St; 621-1912. Wed, 8pm: A night of comedy with hosts Chris Duffy and Gary Cannon, \$6.

Piaf's 1686 Market; 541-5610. Mon, 8pm: Gay Comedy Showcase, with host Goddess Perlman and featuring Helen Slayton-Hughes, Chantal, Erin Souza, and Bridget

Punch Line 444 Battery; 397-4337, Wed-Sat: 9pm (also Fri-Sat, 11pm): Todd Barry, Cathy Sorbo, W. Kamau Bell, \$8-15. Tues, 9pm: Comedy Allstars featuring Luenell, \$8. Rasselas 1534 Fillmore; 921-2051. Sat, 7pm:

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#### spoken word

Open mics take place almost every night in cafés throughout the Bay Area. If you want to perform, show up about half an hour before start time to put your name on the list. A day-by-day guide to word events and featured readers: Wednesday: Brainwash Cafe 1126 Folsom, 864-3842. Spoken Word Salon, with host Diamond Dave Whitaker and open mic, 8pm,

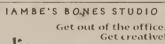
free. La Peña Cultural Center and Café 3105 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 849-2568. Café Poetry hosted by Joyce Young, featuring Avotcja and the Wordslanger, 7:30pm, \$2. Modern Times Bookstore 888 Valencia; 282-9246. Readings by Priscilla Lee and Forrest Hamer, 7:30pm, free. See 8 Days a Week, page 50. Starry Plough 3101 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 841-2082.

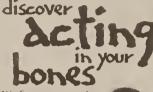
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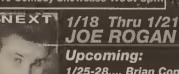




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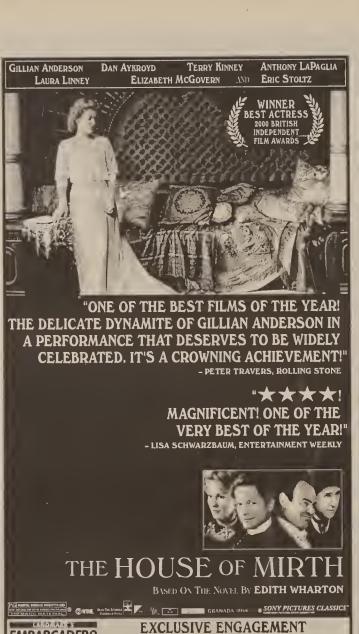
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#### Spoken word

Poetry Slam with host Charles Ellik, 8:30pm,

Thursday: Black Dot Cafe 2330 International, Oakl; (510) 533-6629. Spoken word by Black Dot Artists Collective and open mic, 9:30pm, \$3. Café Firenze 2116 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 644-0155. Featuring Kirk Lumpkin with host Dale Jensen, 7pm, free. Dalva 3121 16th St; (925) 216-3592. Poetry Mission hosted by luckydave, featuring Elz and followed by open mic, 7pm, free. Mambo Mambo 1803 Webster, Oakl; (510) 832-9422. Poetry Slam and open mic hosted by Sonia

and Nisa, 8pm, free.
Friday: Cafe International 508 Haight; 552-7390. Ramu hosts a night of open mic readings, 8pm (sign up at 7:30pm), free. Timken Lecture Hall *CCAC*, 1111 Eighth St; 551-9278. Readings by Dorothy Trujillo Lusk and Rod Smith, 7:30pm, \$5.

Saturday: Chit Chat Cafe 5 West Manor, Pacifica; (650) 870-1516. Coffee Talk, philo sophical conversations on the topic: "Suffer-ing and evil prove there is no God." Sunday: Paradise Lounge 1501 Folsom; 621-1911. Readings by Richard Silberg and Jack and Adele Foley, followed by open mic,

Tuesday: Black Repertory Theater 3201

Adeline, Berk; (510) 652-2120. Third Eye Theatre presents poetry, spoken word, and comedy, 8pm, donations accepted. Rockin' Java 1821 Haight; 831-8842. Open Mind Open Mic with Carvell, 8pm (sign up at 7:30pm), free.

Film listings are edited by Cheryl Eddy, Reviewers are David Fear, Dina Gachinan, Susan Gerhard, Michelle Goldberg, Dennis Harvey, Johnny Ray Huston, Robin Lapid, Patrick Macias, Anhoni Patel, Chuck Stephens, and Rob Taylor. See Movie Clock, page 86, for theater information.

#### San Francisco **Independent Film Festival**

The third annual San Francisco Independent Film Festival (a.k.a. SF Indiefest) runs Jan. 11-21. Venues are UA Galaxy, 1285 Sutter, S.F.; Lumiere Theatre, 1572 California, S.F.; Digital MovieHouse at Bohemia Lounge, 1624 California, S.F.; and Fine Arts Cinema, 2451 Shattuck, Berk. All times are p.m. unless otherwise indicated. For

#### Thurs/11

Galaxy Standing on Fishes 8.

or check www.sfindie.com.

#### Fri/12

Lumiere Black and Gold 4. Straight Right 5:55. Dropping Out 8:05. The Strange Case of Señor Computer 10:25.

Digital MovieHouse "Eveo screenings" (free)

First, Last, and Deposit 5:50. Superstarlet A.D. 8.

#### Sat/13

Lumiere North Beach 1:15. Citizen James 3:30. Straightman 5:35. East of A-7:55. Passing Stones 10:10.

Digital MovieHouse Screen Actor's Guild presentation 3. "Eveo screenings" (free) 4. Black and Gold 6. Radio Free Steve 8.

#### Sun/14

Lumiere Black Eyed Dog 1, 900 Women 3. "The Rules of the Game," shorts 5:10. Rendezvous in Samarkand 7:10. Dog Story 9:30. Digital MovieHouse "Eveo screenings" (free) 4. Down Time 6:10. Hunger 8:20.

#### Mon/15

Lumiere Straight Right 5:05. Straightman 7:10. Passing Stones 9:30.

Digital MovieHouse "Eveo screenings" (free)

4. First, Last, and Deposit 6:30. Won't Anybody Listen 8:30.

#### Tues/16

Lumiere North Beach 5:05. "Some of These Stories Are True," shorts 7. Rendezvous in Samarkand 9:15.

Digital MovieHouse "Eveo screenings" (free) 4. "Pure Pandemonium!," shorts 7:30. Radio Free Steve 9:30.

#### Opening

Antitrust Calling fans of The Firm and The Devil's Advocate: a wunderkind program-mer (Ryan Phillippe) realizes his bazillionaire computer-company boss (Tim Robbins) is ee-vil. (1:43) Jack London.

Bio-Cops Photogenic Hong Kong pop stars take on evil zombies. What's not to love? (1:40) Four Star.

Double Take An investment banker who's been framed switches places with a petty thief in a film that looks to combine the buddy comedy, the road comedy, the fishout-of-water comedy, and the feisty-littledog-sidekick comedy, plus various action movie subplots involving the FBI and drug cartels. (Run time not available) *Jack London* Female Convict Scorpion: Jailhouse 41 See

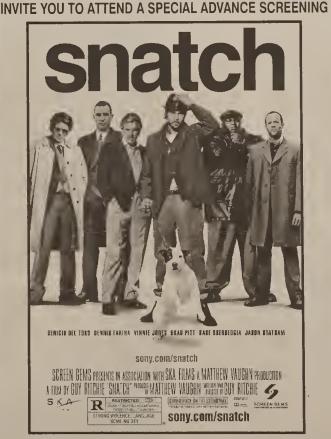
"Stung," page 41. (1:33) Roxie.

House of Mirth See "Appearances," page 41.

Save the Last Dance See Movie Clock, page 86. (1:53) Empire, Century Plaza, Jack London. Shadow of the Vampire What if the actor cast as Count Orlock in Nosferatu was a real vampire? Director E. Elias Merhige rounds up a formidable cast, including John Malkovich (as eccentric director F.W. Murnau), Willem Dafoe (as actor-bloodsucker Max Schreck), Udo Kier (as the befuddled producer), and Eddie Izzard (as Nosferatu's leading man) to spin this tale of Method, mayhem, and silent filmmaking. Shadow starts off with great promise: the mise-en-scène is exquisite, the engaging movie-within-a-movie scenes yield eerie reenactments of the 1921 original, and Dafoe cuts a menacing, lascivious

figure as the pointy-eared snaggletooth. But once Shreck starts claiming necks, Shadow's pacing and script (we now pause for morphine addiction) take a turn for the worse, the actors begin to grate, and the "what if" plot — which, I'll admit, seemed pretty damn cool on paper — buckles under the weight of high concept. Hopefully, any filmmakers out there who are toss-ing around ideas like "What if ALF had been a real Alien Life Form?" will see Merhige's misfire and think better of it. (1:29) Cinema 21. (Eddy)

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#### Opening

**Thirteen Days** See Critic's Choice. (2:18) *Grand Lake, Oaks.* 

#### Ongoing

All the Pretty Horses If John Wayne galloped into the sunset on the back of the Black Stallion reciting lines from *The Shaw* shank Redemption to the tune of

"Rawhide," the confusing result might look something like All the Pretty Horses. Directed by Billy Bob Thornton (and adapted from Cormac McCarthy's novel), this genre-schizo flick stars Matt Damon (complete with faux tan) and Henry Thomas (of E.T. fame) as two thrill-seeking Texans who ride south across the Rio Grande, lured by dreams of becoming cowboys in Mexico. Set in the 1940s, *Horses* starts with promise, giving us plenty of humor, bucking bron-cos, shoot-'em-up gun fights, and a mysterious, forbidden love interest (Penelope Cruz). However, the film quickly shifts from Western to sappy romance to melo dramatic man-against-all-odds survival story. If good-lookin' guys sporting tight jeans and ten-gallon hats on screen is all that you crave, get in line; if it's enlightenment you seek, look elsewhere. Colma, Grand Lake, Oaks, Opera Plaza. (1:52) (Sabrina Crawford)

\*\*Before Night Falls Doing everything in the biopic format that an old hack like Oliv-er Stone would not, Julian Schnabel tran-

scends the genre and creates a dreamwork almost worthy of its inspiration, Cuban au-thor Reinaldo Arenas. This is Schnabel's second artist-on-artist film piece (Basquiat being the successful first), and the painterauteur has dotted the canvas with ellipses, auteur has dotted the canvas with empses, surrealisms, poetry, and enough celebrity (Johnny Depp looks great in a dress, but Sean Penn could use some help with his Cuban-speaking-English accent) to make you feel you've been pleasantly dosed. Spanish heartthrob Javier Bardem, as the film's beefed up, sexy version of Arenas, leads this Cuban time-trip — from heady revolution to homosexual backlash, and the actor, to homosexual backlash, and the according whether behind bars or beachside, brings Arenas's humor and pathos to life. (1:13) Lumiere, Shattuck. (Gerhard)

—Best in Show The latest nugget of dead-

pan brilliance from writer-actor-director Christopher Guest (Waiting for Guffinan) is a faux behind-the-scenes dog show documentary, following the precompetition preparations of several contestants and preparations of several contestants and their loyal companions: fish bait store owner Harlan Pepper (Guest) and his faith-ful bloodhound Humbert; superyuppie cat-alog connoisseurs Meg and Hilton Swan (Parker Posey, Michael Hitchcock) and their neurotic weimaraner; dentally chal-lenged Gerry Fleck (Eugene Levy), his wife, Cookie (Catherine O'Hara), and her terrier Winky; salon owner Stefan (Michael McKean) and his partner's pampered pup Miss Agnes; and returning Mayflower champion Rhapsody in White's ditsy gold-digging owner (Jennifer Collidge) and professional trainer (Jane Lynch). While Guest chooses an easy target in dog shows (a circuit that already seems a parody unto itself), it's the joy of watching gifted comic actors riff like jazz musicians that makes *Show* such a consistent hoot. This dead-on satire is a full breed above any competition. (1:30) Operator Plaza, Shattuck. (Fear)

Billy Elliot (1:50) Opera Plaza, Shattuck.

Cast Away Cast Away, which throws Tom
Hanks at the mercy of the elements, is like The Worst Case Scenario Survival Guide
Movie: full of useful tips, offering vicarious
airport-read thrills, but incapable of viewing experience as anything more than a series of logistical snafus to be solved. In the ries of logistical shalus to be solved. In the duel between ordinary man and extraordinary adventure, ordinary wins: Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump) have made another uplifting paean to the banality of good. The star plays Chuck Nolan, a rush-rush, hustle-bustle Federal Express systems manager who's missing out After this point is hamager who's missing ou on quality time with the people he loves. After this point is hammered home and then some, Chuck gets a wake-up call: sole survivor of a plane crash, he's washed ashore on an uninhabited, well-off-theasnore on an uninhabited, well-off-the-maps South Pacific isle. He gets hairy, loses his love handles, and does a caveman dance around his first campfire — but there's nothing crazy, poetical, or large spirited about him; there isn't supposed to be. When Chuck finally gets back to civiliza-tion, his second priority (after reuniting with his girlfriend, Kelly, played by Helen Hunt) is to *deliver* the last remaining FedEx package, a notion of "decency" that offends because it reduces the big question to another empty, nondenominational feel-good homily. Filmmaking this expensively impersonal practically hands itself Oscars, telling you what to feel, when to feel it, and why. It's the spiritual equivalent of nasal spray: one quick chemical toot and you've got the illusion of clarity. (2:30) Alexangot the Illusion of Clarity. (2:30) Alexandria, Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Galaxy, Grand Lake, Jack London, Kabuki, Metreon, Orinda, Stonestown, UA Berkeley. (Harvey) Charlie's Angels Doing roughly to the bloated action pic what The Brady Bunch Movie did for sitcoms, Charlie's Angels amplifies genre conventions just to be adve-

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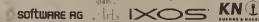
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absurdist prankdom, Javishing both irony and affection on the ultra-idiocy of it all. Blond airhead Natalie (Cameron Diaz), trailer-trashy Dylan (Drew Barrymore) and resident brain trust Alex (Lucy Liu) are multitasking party girls equally able to sub-due criminals via plunging neckline or deadly back-kick. Private chick-dicks in the employ of ever elusive Charlie (still voiced by John Forsythe), with dithering Bosley (Bill Murray) as support liaison, the Angels here lay tail on the trail of corporate thieves who might end (whatever's left of) person-al-institutional privacy as we know it. Or something like that. Willfully convoluted and so-what in plot mechanics, full of ridiculous slow-mo bunk-fu and absurd masters-of-disguise-deploy-sci-fi-gadgetsin-posh-environs stuff, the movie makes no sense whatsoever. But, in a possible first, that's intentional. (1:32) Kabuki. (Harvey) **Chocolat** A rather shameless slice of soccer-mom cinema, *Chocolat* tells the tale of a mysterious woman (Juliette Binoche) who sets up a chocolate shop with her daughter in a small French village. Naturally, her sweets awaken the dormant lives and libidos of the town's populace, which just irks those nasty, repressed villains (Carrie-Anne Moss, Peter Storemore, the great Alfred Molina) to no end. Oh, and did I mention those lusty Irish gypsies? While the cinematography gorgeously captures every rich tone and truffle, and director Lasse Hallström (The Cider House Rules) puts the cast through their paces admirably, Chocolat's insistence on milking "oohs" and "aahs" at every predictable turn betrays a greater desire to please crowds than to

make a good film. If watching endless quantities of the film's title being con-sumed in a frenzy seems appealing, feel free to indulge; otherwise, the sickly-sweet af-tertaste of this trite melodrama is apt to leave one feeling in need of an insulin shot. (1:56) California, Metreon, Orinda. (Fear) Cirque du Soleil: Journey of Man (:38) Metreon Imax.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon isn't just Ang Lee's first star-spangled martial-arts blockbuster; it's also the tenderest meditation on silence, sensibility, and the chasms that divide generations this intimate chamber dramatist has ever made. Chow Yun-fat plays Li Mu Bai, the top swordsman of the Wudan clan; his unrequited lover and fellow warrior, Yu Shu Lien, is played by former 007 sidekick-kick-ass and global supercop Michelle Yeoh. As the film begins, the would-be couple are standing on the verge of finally getting it on when their archnemesis, Jade Fox (the great Cheng Pei-pei, King Hu's formative female action star), appears from the darkened past with a venomous sprite named Jen at her side. Governor's daughter by day, secret adept of the graceful Wudan fighting style by night, Jen (Zhang Ziyi) only seems the faithful ward; inwardly she yearns for a life of freelance malfeasance and the companionship of a dreadlocked desert rascal named Lo (Chang Chen of *Happy Together*). Though ostensibly about Li Mu Bai's quest to retrieve his recently abducted Green Destiny, a mighty saber whose quietest quiver is enough to slice through palace walls, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is, under no thick veil, a romance. At

once postcard serene and pyrotechnically outrageous, the film is a contemplative mood piece that's filled with slam-bang popcorn, a spider inside a butterfly. To miss it is to miss an enchanted one-off, a film so rightfully sure of its own agility that it can stumble along a balustrade, drunk and fully blind, and somehow never miss a step. (1:59) Act I and II, Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Empire, Galaxy, Kabuki, Metreon, Pied-

mont. (Stephens)

CyberWorld (:48) Metreon Imax.

Dude, Where's My Car? (1:23) Colma,

Emery Bay, Metreon, Oaks, 1000 Van Ness.

Dracula 2000 (1:39) Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, Orinda, UA

The Emperor's New Groove(1:20) Colma. Emery Bay, Jack London, Kabuki, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, Orinda, Shattuck.

An Everlasting Piece Since quirky, provin-

cial comedies have been the U.K.'s main export post-Full Monty, it seems only natural that Tinseltown would jump on the genre bandwagon. And it does, with Dream-Works' An Everlasting Piece, a "quirky, provincial" comedy about two Irish barbers (Barry McEvoy and Brian O'Byrne) who go

into the toupee business and engage in a "wig-off" with a rival business ... with hilarious yet heartfelt results! Director and cowriter Barry Levinson (Diner) reminds us why he's known for his knack for making losers oh-so-likable, be they from Baltimore or Belfast. Unfortunately, he's also one remember Jimmy Hollywood? me nei-ther), which isn't helped any by the un-sure, all-but-the-kitchen-sink approach here. The consistent referencing of "the Troubles" amid the shtick is supposed to Continued on page 80

## 'Thirteen Days'

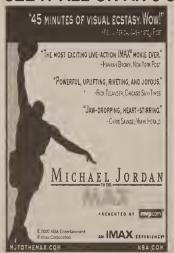
Nuclear reaction

f aliens were to come to earth and study American culture, you couldn't blame them for thinking that John and Robert Kennedy were Olympian gods instead of mere mortals. The Camelot-conspiracy theory mythos surrounding their lives is so overwhelming that one can forget that these two did more than look good and get assassinated. This is why it's fortunate that director Roger Donaldson's new film about the 1962 Cuban missile crisis doesn't revolve around nominal star Kevin Costner, whose role as presidential aide (and longtime Kennedy chum) Kenny O'Donnell is primarily to be a surrogate for the audience, standing aside watching as events take place. To call Costner's relative silence an attribute is an understatement, although be forewarned that when he does speak up, it's with an absolutely horrid Boston accent. The actual focus is on the Kennedy brothers, cabinet members, military officials, and myriad identical-looking old white guys who all duke it out to see whose policies and strategies prevail in response to the threat of Russian nuclear missiles in Cuba. To the filmmaker's credit, what suspense he loses to the viewer's knowledge of how it ends is made up for with lively re-creations of the Cuban blockade, spy-plane flyovers, and Adlai Stevenson's United Nations showdown with the Russians, and by allowing the innate, sweaty-armpitted, rolled-up-shirtsleeved tension of the thing to play itself out. The true stars here are Bruce Greenwood and Steven Culp, as JFK and RFK respectively. Instead of mimicking, Greenwood and Culp re-create their historical characters on their own terms, the way an actor would with Hamlet or any other familiar role resulting in two unexpectedly exciting performances. They're playing competent, resourceful leaders; if they're mistaken for gods, it's just because we've forgotten what this kind of competence looks like. (Rob Taylor)





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provide gravity amid the wit, but the forced Hollywoodized epiphany of brotherhood at the film's end leaves the whole movie feeling as false as the film's many follicular

rugs. (1:49) Galaxy. (Fear)
The Family Man The Family Man is a Christmas Carol-esque tale about an emotionally

frigid but terribly wealthy single financier lege sweetheart (Tea Leoni) and moved to Ratner (Rush Hour) seems well aware that

(Nicolas Cage) who wakes up one Christ-mas morning to find himself living the life he would have had if he'd married his colthe suburbs to raise a family. Director Brett he's been given the opportunity to graduate from Chris Tucker comedies to some really top-shelf hack material, and he hits all the



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buttons like a pro. The film's only spark is found on the edges of Cage's performance, as he contemplates the horrors of his new life in suburbia. By not masking Cage's ini tial yearning for the financial rewards and superficialities of his previous life, the film actually gets a little gritty. Of course, this being a holiday release, it immediately lightens things up by making the kids do something precious. I suspect the people behind *The Family Man* have more in common with Cage the corporate jerk than with Cage the husband and father, which with Cage the husband and lather, which might account for the simplistic, patronizing depiction of suburban life. (2:04) Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Grand Lake, Jack London, Kabuki, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, Shattuck, Vogue. (Taylor)

Finding Forrester With his Psycho, Gus Van Sant proved that he could expertly mimic

the structure, if not the substance, of another director's film. Now, with Finding Forrester, he shows he can do the same thing with his own work. Finding Forrester isn't a terrible movie, but it's a baffling choice for Van Sant, since it's almost an exact copy of Good Will Hunting. This time, the working-class prodigy is a 16-year-old literary wunderkind named Jamal Wallace. Sean Connery plays his wise but damaged mentor, a Pulitzer prize-winning novelist who became a recluse following the death of his brother. As in *Good Will Hunting*, opportunities abound for the young autodidact to put snobs in their place with his prodigious knowledge. Robert Brown plays Jamal with soulful charisma, but his char-acter would be more believable if he weren't perfect in every way: he's a charming and self-possessed teenager, an amazing athlete, and a blazingly brilliant writer who apparently knows the entire English canon by heart. To further emphasize the Good Will connection, Matt Damon makes Cameo — but then, bizarrely, so does Joey Buttafuoco. (2:27) Colma, Jack London, Me-treon, 1000 Van Ness, Shattuck. (Goldberg) For Bad Boys Only See Tiger on Beat. (1:40)

Genghis Khan (1:45) Four Star. A Hard Day's Night A Hard Day Night isn't so much time capsule as spaceship, this time around dusted and remixed by the good folks at Miramax for maximum sonic displacement and impact. Partially because it was a relative cheapie (\$500,000) and a quickie, shot before the Beatles' famous Ed Sullivan splashdown, the film was postdubbed, and the voices in the original are freakishly out of sync. Seemingly anybody who digitally "remasters" music-against-voices levels simply makes the music sound as synthetically tacked on as possible — not that this is inappropriate or incongruous. It in fact enhances the effect of the original film: modish, post-keen, and ultra-now, the "restored" levels are an assurance that we are living in just as plastic an age. What's touching about A Hard Day's Night is how much it rides on pure plasticity. One critic's pegging of former ad director Richard Lester's style as "Rube Goldberg" is perfect; everyone on the film seems on their toes to finesse the insouciance. Much of this depends on the moments in the film when it looks sloppiest and no one gives a fuck: the crummy lipand no one gives a fuck: the crummy lipsynching in the baggage car during "l Should Have Known Better," the bobbling camera seemingly tossed to each Beatle in the "Can't Buy Me Love" sequence — still a terrific vacation from your senses with helicopter shots, fast-slo shifts, fun as solid, busy abstraction. (1:31) California, Rafael. (Edward & Crouse) (Edward E. Crouse)

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1:38) Kabuki,

Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, UA Berkeley. Kestrel's Eye The new documentary Kestrel's Eye is a remarkable you-know-what's-eye view of life as it unfolds over several Swedish seasons. Mikael Kristersson kept remote-control cameras running for nearly three years at a 13th-century rural church where one pair of kestrels (striped brown European falcons) nested in a belfry niche. Eventually, through Kristersson's pa tience and the birds' indifference (despite his cameras' frequent inches-close proximity), we begin to see this landscape as a whole, complicated, unpredictable universe. There's no narration or even music to lend the kestrels "character" or "drama." They manage quite well by themselves,

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though. The rigid, all-things-equal attention to elemental tasks is as striking as it is professional. Fucking, fighting, hatching six fluffy chicks, and nursing them until they first attempt flight (not an automatic go, by the way) become engrossing to watch, in ways that have little to do with viewer empathy. Rather, one's admiration stems largely from gleaning how utterly focused, logical, and otherwise unlike us these kestrels are. (1:26) Roxie. (Harvey)

Lies 'Think of my dick as shit," a middleaged dude in the South Korean sex farce Lies tells his teenage lover as he prepares to plumb what the film's intertitles refer to as her "Third Hole." "That will make it easier." Such is the tenor of Jang Sun-Woo's film, a raunchy-funny, fascinating-tedious, and ultra-dry comedy about a sculptor, a pathy. Rather, one's admiration stems ultra-dry comedy about a sculptor, a schoolgirl, and the dozens of sticks, switches, and staves the couple use to impress their passion upon one another. In it, Y (played by 22-year-old fashion model and real-life nonvirgin Kim Tae-Yeon) initiates an affair with J (played by 39-year-old first-time actor and real-life sculptor Lee Sang-Hyun) to spare herself the fateful deflowering that her sisters endured at the hands of rapists. Y soon finds that she enjoys J's rough and rabbity approach to sex, and when J suggests that their lovemaking include a little bastinado, Y agreeably takes control of "the stick that makes everyone happy" and beats her own path into the fu-ture. Lies is not an art film, an S-M retread of Lolita, a reaffirmation of patriarchal tyranny, or even particularly "symbolic." Lies is a quasi documentary about fucking qua fucking. Jang's refusal to pander to anyone's libido other than his characters' or in challenging the censorial culture of his homeland. Based on the controversial (and ultimately banned and burned) novel *Tell* ultimately banned and burned) novel tell Me a Lie, by Jang Jung II — the first writer in Korean history to be jailed as a pornographer — Lies became Korea's fifth-highest-grossing film of the year as of last July. Just all of Jang's films, Lies isn't only about fucking; it's about fucking with the censors in order to exorcise the demons of Korea's, and Korean cinema's, past. (1:55)

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Malèna (1:44) Albany, Clay.
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Miss Congeniality It's certainly got a
ridiculous, cheesy premise — "ugly," pratfall-prone FBI agent (Sandra Bullock) gets
beautified so she can go undercover at the
bomb-threatened Miss United States bomb-threatened Miss United States Pageant — but somehow the agreeable Miss Congeniality manages something few contemporary Hollywood comedies are capable of: it's actually funny. Bullock, who also produced, obviously had a hand in the casting; for a feel-good flick by a little-known director (Donald Petrie, of Grumpy Old Men fame), Miss Congeniality boasts a relatively big-name supporting crew, including Michael Caine, Candice Bergen, William Shatner, and Benjamin Bratt, all of whom deliver with enthusiasm. But Bullock's clearly the star here, and, after a string of weak career choices (uh, 28 Days?), she's weak career choices (un, 20 Days), site swisely chosen a movie that spotlights both her Speed-era girl-next-door persona and her previously under-tapped proficiency for goofy physical comedy. (1:50) Colma, Emery Bay, Galaxy, Grand Lake, Kabuki, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, Shattuck, Stonestown. (Eddy)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? At heart, O Brother, Where Art Thou? (which the credits tell us is based upon Homer's Odyssey) is a the distribution of the composition of the combrothers have never been noted for their feelings. Still, if one must wear (in)sincerity on one's sleeve, may the shirt always look this beautiful: O Brother i Americana Gothic, snow-globe style. Fast-talking Ulysses Everett McGill (George Clooney) convinces shacklemates Pete (John Turturro) and Delmar (an inspired Tim Blake Nelson) to escape with him, claiming there's buried treasure he'll divvy between them; the ensuing wacky adventures are rife with fat-cat good ole boy politicians, future blues legends, evangelicals, shoot-first-say-hey-later types, the pictorially impoverished, and the grotesquely flush. The Coens put Clooney's callow handsomeness to good use, but we can't buy this paragon of insincerity's secret

longing: to be reunited with his wife (Holly Hunter, perfectly cast yet underused). Likewise, O Brother blows inspirational hot air in a thudding anticlimax that suggests that the good people of mid-1930s Mississippi will not stand for blatant racism, corrup-tion, and injustice. Oh really? So much here is enjoyable and impressive that it seems a shame to notice how half empty the glass is in the end. But the Coens dare you not to:

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O Brother insists on your acknowledging faith, family, and love as fundamental truths when it's quite obvious that their representations are, uh, pretty inorganic. It's all aesthetically delightful, occasionally near rapturous. But Ethan and Joel C. trap hear rapturous. But Ethan and Joel C. trap themselves by going for sentimental effects you know they themselves don't believe for a second. (1:47) Bridge, Shattuck. (Harvey) Panic Director Henry Bromell's Panic dares to take verrry seriously what Analyze This, Coldblooded, The Whole Nine Yards, and Gun Shy have already parodied: that midlife-crisis-of-a-sensitive-hitman-in-therapy thing. William H. Macy plays Alex, a model son, husband, and father. He resides in some pristine commuter hamlet with loving wife and their adorable tyke. Doting gram 'n' gramps (Barbara Bain, Donald Sutherland) are just a hop and a

skip away. Alex runs his own mail-order business": He kills people! For money! Alex doesn't like his "other" job, so he consults headshrinker Dr. Parks, whose caring rationality is personified by facially fuzzy-wzy. John Ritter. (Repeat: *Panic* is *not* a comedy.) Alex hopes to heal his wounded inner child, but wouldn't you know, it's not that Continued on page 82







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simple. Geez, can it he that cardigan-clad, pipe-smoking Pops has been, well, truly evil all along?!? Panic's bogusness is exevil all along?!! Panic's bogusness is exceeded only by its poker-faced self-importance. Bromell believes in lines even his actors, let alone the audience, cannot: "What do you want?!" "You." Now we do know that Macy can lie with dog-smelling material and get up sans the fleas of humiliation. Which cannot be said of Sutherland or Bain, two oft-fine veterans whose "shocking" transformation here into Frankenfolks had me howling for mercy. (1:3D) Four Star. (Harvey)

Proof of Life (2:15) Metreon, 1000 Van Ness.

\*\*Quills This carefully crafted movie version of Doug Wright's play (Wright also wrote the screenplay) directed by Philip Kaufman (The Unbearable Lightness of Being, Henry and June), makes square one the Marquis de Sade (Geoffrey Rush) — the man, the myth, the lech — and spirals outward. Quills explores how one rather extraordinary person affects the lives of those who, out of curiosity or revulsion, are drawn to his writings and subsequently become entangled in the last years of his life, when de Sade was detained in the Charen-ton insane asylum under the care of one Abbé de Coulmier (Joaquin Phoenix). When righteous bastard Dr. Royer-Collard (Michael Caine) arrives to oversee the institution, he prevents the Marquis — and his partner-in-crime, a chambermaid (Kate Winslet) — from smuggling any more prose to his publisher. When the Marquis is completely denied the ability to write, hell breaks loose for all the characters, not just the frustrated prisoner. This being de Sade's story, Kaufman takes an appropriately sadistic-meets-cheeky approach: plenty of visceral flourishes, double entendre-laden dialogue, and a naughty sense of humor. A vicious chmax bleakly underscores the dan-gerous side of unchecked urges, but a sur-prisingly strong statement about the importance of art and freedom of expression emerges. (2:04) California, Colma, Embar-cadero, Piedmont. (Eddy)

Requiem for a Dream Director Darren Aronofsky (Pi) and Hubert Selby Jr. (author of the 1978 novel from which the film is adapted) are a perfect match. Set in a purposely vague, decrepit Coney Island epoch somewhere between the Me Decade and Now, Requiem for a Dream is more of a dirge, if a dirge could St. Vitus-dance at 200 beats per minute. Pathetic widow Sara Goldfarb (Ellen Burstyn) has no real life of her own, unless being a couch potato counts; faint hopes that only child Harry (Jared Leto) will ever fly right are dashed each time he pawns her boob tube for smack cash. Harry has a "business partner" in lifelong friend Tyrone (Marlon Wayans) and a great girlfriend in disenfranchised rich chick Marion (Jennifer Connelly). The boys are as eager to swim upstream as she is to drift downward. Setting up a heroin-dealership shop — just until they make one big score, of course — seems like a good idea until a supply shortage occurs. Meanwhile, Sara gets hooked on diet pills This diary of an increasingly mad hausfrau parallels the younger trio's descent into variably delusional, panicked, exploit-ed, and life-threatened personal hells. Never blinking or flinching (that's your job), Requiem takes us right along with the characters, turning physical and psychological deterioration into a clinical, merciless film aesthetic. (1:42) California, Opera

Plaza. (Harvey)
State and Main "The new comedy from David Mamet" — a notion that's maybe the best, if least intended, joke here — is like Spam that thinks it's prosciutto. Mamet takes a very hoary idea — a film crew of the usual big-league egos 'n' nitwits descends upon a small town for location shooting, upending the local equi-librium as its own internal relations deteriorate — and gets very little fresh satirical mileage from it. The moderately amusing story benefits from performers (the large cast includes Alec Baldwin, Sarah Jessica Parker, William H. Macy, and Philip Seymour Hoffman) who make the material seem brighter than it is, but Mamet is no natural comic writer. His humor is just

tiger

## Whatcha gonna do?

By Patrick Macias

95 reamy Ekin Cheng, a.k.a. Noodle Cheng, a.k.a. Dior Cheng. Oh, how we love this shining Hong Kong movie idol, his perfect hairstyle, and his pleasingly wooden performances. After far too many Young and Dangerous films, For Badboys Only (daily, Four Star), finds the Noodle man in fine form, wooing girls with card tricks, showcasing discernible beat human emotions, and stylistically invoking Miami Vice in a white sports coat sans shirt underneath. If the whole film was just about our man Ekin and his Bad Boys detective squad (including sharpshooter Louis Koo and punky lollipop addict Kristy Yeung) zooming around in a silver Porsche, stopping to set off nonlethal explosives at military weddings (as occurs in the socko opening reel), we'd have something as agreeably empty-headed and outright fun as Charlie's Angels was. Alas, the Bad Boys take on three separate jobs, all of which revolve around the whereabouts of a series of Shu Oi look-alikes. (Shu Qi, a.k.a. Hsu Chi: soft-core porn alumni. Squeaky and obnoxious. Fish lips. Talented as a box of rocks. Has ruined more Hong Kong movies than can be mentioned.) In the name of pure conflict, evil Japanese DNAgents have cloned an entire value pack of Shu Qis, and the actress who can't act takes on a mortifying triple-decker performance. But responsibility for the rapid decline of Badboys shouldn't be laid entirely at the feet of this aging mall rat. Director Raymond Yip Wai-Man (who helmed the very fine Portland Street Blues) fills the entire middle section with lovesick sentimental glop (at one point Ekin stops grinning long enough to ask himself the big question — "What is love?" — à la Howard Jones). Everyone has a dull-ass affair of the heart, while all forward momentum dies hard. Things perk up at the end when a "violent chip" is installed into Shu's head, causing her to erupt into bullet time and Ekin to utilize what few kung fu skills he has. But by then Badboys has slid firmly into blackness; what are destined to remain with viewers after the credits roll are subtitle howlers like "Though I love in a hustling city, I am very lonely." And Ekin's hair.

condescending, occasionally obnoxious (note the unironic laugh lines reffing "dykes and dogs," "faggy" stuff, and Parker's much mentioned "tits"), and dependent on the B&W contrast between stereotyped El Lay slicksters and a postcard-perfect 1940s provincial America that really no longer exists. Compared with the myriad more savage-incisive biz satires re myriau more savage-incisive biz salires re-cent years have given us, State and Main comes off as just-adequate entertainment, far from the exemplar of sophisticated fun it poses as. (1:42) Albany, Century Plaza, Embarcador, Pichary (1)

barcadero, Piedmont. (Harvey) Suzhou River Mei-mei is a mermaid — a rent-a-mermaid — and everybody wants her pager number. She's also the radiance within and the reason to see Suzhou River, an aggressively stylish Chinese-German co-production directed by Lou Ye. The film's double story unfolds as two men, one a videographer, the other a motorcycle delivvideographer, the other a motorcycle deliveryman, become entranced by a waif, Moudan; later, after Moudan has plunged into the brackish Suzhou, sinking without a trace, she reappears — maybe — as Meimei. Neither guileless nor gill-less, Meimeiworks in a sleazy nightclub, drowning herself in vodka and toying distractedly with a finned Barbie doll. For director Lou and his characters, she's a Lolita from the bilge, erotic and illusive. Are Meimei and erotic and illusive. Are Mei-mei and Moudan one in the same? This much is sure: they're played by the young Chinese actress Zhou Xun, a doe-eyed glimpse of the sublime. If only Lou's film, which bare-ly contains her, could stake so bold a claim. Directed with borrowed panache, Suzhou Directed with obstowed paractic, such of party hats. A heavily voiced-over voyage through smudgy textures, lyrical smears, and a quasi-Bernard Hermann big-string score, you might call it Wong Kar-wai's Vertigo — every film critic in America likely will. But given Suzhou River's movie-mad chaos, its teenage sex appeal and arty au-teur sleaze, calling it Brian De Palma's *The Little Mermaid* might do just as well. (1:23)

Four Star. (Stephens) → A Time for Drunken Horses Into a national cinema filled with allegorical children's stories that may have mythic layers attached but often lack that painful punch to the gut, Bahman Ghobadi throws this grenade, in which a group of parental guid-ance-free children fend for themselves against all the elements: war, snow, thieves, and biology. The older brother in a Kurdish family, Ayoub — who regularly hauls goods over the Iran-Iraq border at risk of death — has taken it upon himself to feed the family and take care of his ailing dwarf brother, who he learns needs an expensive operation. With no lack of imagination, or endurance, Ayoub hoofs his way through ambushes and toward the border with a gang of smugglers and horses so pained they have to be made drunk to join the car-avan in search of money for his surgery. Ghobadi, the first Kurd to make a promi-nent feature about Kurds (he plays a major role in Samira Makhmalbaf's recent entry

on the region, Blackboards), is breaking ground as he crosses borders. (1:20) Four Star. (Gerhard) (Gerhard)

Traffic Simultaneous public sanctimoniousness and indifference toward the subject have kept the war on drugs offscreen, at least in any meaningful way. So give
Steven Soderberg's Traffic credit for trying
to grapple with a huge, nonfun issue on
fairly populist terms. Michael Douglas
plays a judge gunning for the big time D.C. drug czardom — and learning beltway politics the usual hard way. Meanwhile, San Diego trophy wife Catherine Zeta-Jones is shocked to discover her husband's bankroll is, like, 100 percent FB1-seizable. Quality of lifestyle threatened, she must make a hard choice: virtuous poverty or drug queenpinning till hubby gets sprung? Traffic is an ensemble piece, and the plot threads im-prove the further they get from innocent victimhood: Luis Guzman and Don Cheadle are great as DEA agents who get go-be-tween Miguel Ferrer over a barrel and really enjoy rolling him around; Benicio del Toro is a corrupt penny-ante Mexican cop who lucks into bigger leagues of badness. The script does little more than quick-reference war on drugs as an evergreen prop gandistic decoy for governments with more important subterranean economic machines (economic race-class segregation, military megaspending, corporate policybuying, environmental pillage) to keep ka-chinging away. There's no discussion here Continued on page 84





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#### Ongoing

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of responsible usage — the omnipresent party favor Hollywood will never admit to; additionally, the film's equal-op finger-pointing surface doesn't fully hide the fact that its Mexico looks like sleazebag purga-tory versus stateside neat 'n' prettiness. Traffic is expansive in length, locational sprawl, and character clutter — but its blood pressure stays all too sensibly even Why make an epic if you're going to resist living it large? Oh, yeah: cred. Soderbergh seems to be insisting he can make a big movie with the virtues of a small one. In stead, somehow he ends up with a small movie that lasts 150 minutes. (2:20) Century Plaza, Coronet, Emery Bay, Empire, Jack London, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, UA Berkeley. (Harvey)
Unbreakable (1:17) Kabuki, 1000 Van Ness,

Vertical Limit (2:06) Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Metreon, Metro, 1000 Van Ness, UA

What Women Want You have to wonder what's really going on in a movie that so readily confesses its intention to turn manly movie icon Mel Gibson into a huggy

bear for the chick flick market. As Nick Marshall, a sexist advertising exec, Gibson is forced to atone for his macho, philandering ways when Darcy Maguire (Helen Hunt) becomes his boss and orders him to start churning out ads for women's products like pantyhose. Accidentally electrocuted while cross-dressing — he's "doing research" on female consumers — Gibson gains the power to hear women's thoughts. With his new powers of perception, Gibson goes from being a clueless manipulative turd to a dangerous manipulative turd to a dangerous manipulative turd who can steal his female colleagues' ideas right out of their minds. Using his ESP, Gibson eavesdrops on Hunt's brainstorming and snaps up her job by launching a successful ad campaign for Nike women's division based on her thoughts. But Hunt ends up getting it on with Gibson, so I guess what women want (aside from Nike running wonter want (aster that running shoes, of course) is to be professionally and mentally dominated by dipshits. This movie made me long for the good old days when Gibson was just a macho pig in when Gibson was just a macno pig in leather instead of a cross-dressing nellie pig in control top pantyhose. (2:03) Alexan-dria, Century Plaza, Emery Bay, Kabuki, Jack London, Metreon, 1000 Van Ness, UA Berkeley. (Annalee Newitz)

quiet, austere films that seems like it isn't saying much until some corner is turned and you realize that it's speaking volumes. Laura Linney plays a single mom struggling to raise her young son in a small rural town, whose life spirals into chaos when her slacker brother (Mark Ruffalo) returns home to get his own life together and she begins sleeping with her married boss, played by Matthew Broderick at his nerdy best. Playwright Kenneth Lonergan makes his direc-torial debut here, and while this is hardly a flamboyant or fast-paced film, it's outstandingly well-written, with sharply nuanced performances, especially from Ruffalo; whose endearing loser has you pulling for him even as he manages to screw up every last chance he's given. Difficult at times, You Can Count on Me is an authentic and engagingly low-key film with a sincerity that can only come from the heart. (1:32) Embarcadero, Shattuck. (Taylor)

#### Rep picks

**Butterfly** Everyone knows who Julia Butterfly Hill is: she's the environmentalist who climbed a giant tree in Humboldt County and stayed, and stayed, and stayed. Doug

Wolen's documentary on Hill premieres this week at the Red Vic, and while it clearly takes her side, it's surprisingly multifaceted, not only exploring Hill's individual story but also sifting through the many controversies that emerged as a result of her actions. Everyone's point of view gets equal time: the Earth First! members who coorditime: the Earth First: members who coordinated the tree sit (some of whom had to be convinced to support Hill's crusade); Humboldt County residents who lost their homes to mud slides that may or may not have been caused by logging. Pacific Lumber County (finishing the county) have been caused by logging; Pacific Lumber Company officials, who are presented as indignant but are not demonized; angry loggers ("I lost my job — I think [Hill!s] a fucking nut!"); and Hill herself, who spends a lot of her camera time rambling about love, healing, and Mother Earth but is admirably committed to her cause — a feet made even clearer by this film, which fact made even clearer by this film, which offers a visual depiction of her tiny platform rigged alarmingly high off the ground. (1:20) Red Vic. (Eddy)

Coming to Light: Edward S. Curtis and the North American Indians Photography buffs and anyone interested in American Indian issues will find this film of particular note. Using a straightforward, *Biography*-ish format (slow pans over still photos, voice-overs, talking heads), director Anne Makepeace explores the life of Edward S. Curtis, a self-taught photographer who spent the late 1800s and early-to-mid 1900s docu-menting the lives of North American Indians, eventually amassing an enormous body of work, including 40,000 photos, 10,000 recordings, and a full-length film Makepeace is careful to show all sides of the story, allowing contemporary American Indians (many of whom remember, or had

parents who remembered, Curtis's visits) to share their thoughts; while most are glad Curtis captured their traditions on film, some disapprove of his images, especially those that depict religious ceremonies. Cur-tis is also taken to task for his nostalgic, often staged scenes of smiling tribe mem bers; he tended to gloss over the downsides of Indian life at the time — like the fact that children were forcibly sent to boarding schools and that many tribal rituals had been made "illegal." Curtis scholars chip in on his behalf, and the Curtis-penned narra-tion (from his journals and books) and endless, stunning photographs steer the viewer toward believing that Curtis was nothing if not completely dedicated to his subjects and his work. (1:26) Fine Arts Cinema. (Eddy)

 Michelle Yeoh, Flying Tigress' Before
 Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon and before
 her scene-stealing turn with Bond in Tomorrow Never Dies, premium ass-kicker and doing-her-own-stunts-er Michelle Yeoh made her mark in Hong Kong with films most Americans have never even heard of, much less had the chance to see on the big screen. If you're smitten with Yeoh's gorgeous performance in Crouching Tiger, thank those crafty programmers at the Rafael for screening some of the former Miss Malaysia's finest turns from the early 90s: Ah Kam (Stunt woman), a three-parter that allows Yeoh to portray an action-movie stunt double, a karaoke-club hostess, and an antikidnapping crusader; and The Heroic Trio, wherein Yeoh (as "Invisible Girl"), Maggie Cheung ("Thief Catcher"), and Anita Mui ("Wonder Woman") learn to set their differences aside and wallop major bad-guy booty, Rafael. (Eddy) 🕏

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CASTRO 429 Castro; 621-6120. \$4.50-7. The Wages of Fear (Clouzot, 1953) Wed, 1, 4:30, 8. Contempt (Godard, 1963) Thurs, 7, 9:15. Touch of Evil (Welles, 1958) Fri-Sat, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30. Yellow Submarine (Dunning, 1968) Sun, 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30. The Wizard of Oz (Fleming, 1939) Mon, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:15. Pink Flamingos (Waters, 1972) Ties, 7, 9:15.

FINE ARTS CINEMA 2451 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 843-3699. \$4-7. • Coming to Light: Edward S. Curtis and the North American Indians (Makepeace, 1999) Wed/10-Thurs/18, 7:30 and South: Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition (Shackleton, 1914-16) with "Sea Space" (Farley, 1972-73) Wed/10-Thurs/18, 9:15 (also Sun, 5:40).

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Two-steppin': Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas) shows Sara (Julia Stiles) a few moves.

#### 'Save the Last Dance'

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pefore it was usurped by my newfound desire to master the art of kung fu (in order to score a stunt-double gig on the next *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*), my original New Year's resolution was to expand my dance repertoire beyond the hand movements I pilfered from the "Oops ... I Did It Again" video. Of course, another movie inspired the first resolution; as a teen flick - and, more specifically, a teen chick flick --- presented in part by MTV Studios, Save the Last Dance does sometimes come off as "The Real World, by Judy Blume!" But the film definitely has likable qualities, what with its cool dance interludes and themes that pose questions more serious than, say, "Dude, where's my car?" Onetime ballerina hopeful Sara (Julia Stiles) loses her mother in a car accident and leaves suburbia to live with her

estranged father in inner-city Chicago. As the new (i.e., white) girl at a predominantly black high school, Sara initially makes a few clumsy attempts to fit in. Soon, however, she befriends the sympathetic Nikki (Bianca Lawson), who introduces her to hip-hop at the local dance club; her new pal's brother, Derek (Sean Patrick Thomas), teaches her a few moves on and off the floor, if you know what I mean. Director Thomas Carter's earnest efforts to tackle all facets of interracial relations propels Last Dance to a cut above the after-school special. The final product may be a bit oversimplified, but it's not dumbed down, and there's convincing chemistry between Stiles and Thomas, who give heartfelt performances. You, too, may find yourself whispering "You go, girl!" under your breath at Sara's Juilliard audition. (Robin Lapid)

Show times run Wed/10-Tues/16 and are subject to change. Times in italic are bargain matinees. Double features are noted with a •. & Wheelchair accessible. I Listening device. P Free, reduced rate, or validated parking. See Rep Clock, page 85, for information on rep houses and special film programs.

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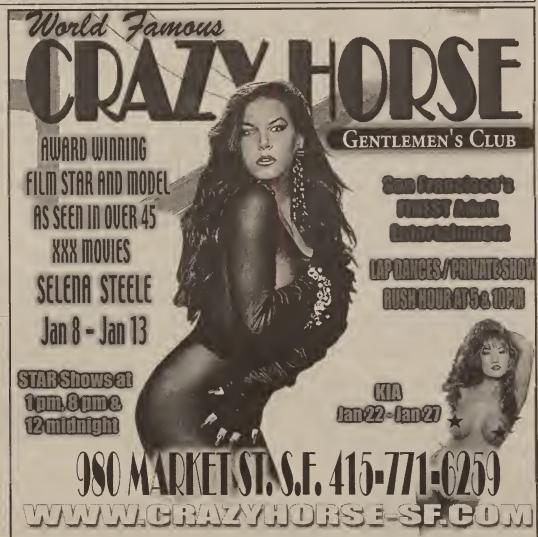
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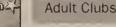
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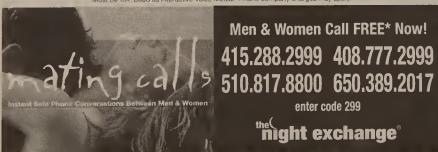
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Athletic, rugged, professional, clean-out, Asian, 53, S'8", 15s, seeking similar clean-shaven, lean or muscular VMM with postive attributes for adventurous companion or more. Erjoy the out doors, hiking, sports, runing, workouts, cultural arts, films, ethnic foods, and quiet interfudes at home.

#6941 (03/28/01) COME SEE ABOUT ME

COOKING FOR SINCERITY
GAM 32, 5'5", Black/8rown,
professional, work out/silm
built seeking professional GWM
28-38, for friendship and possible LTR.

**≈**694S (03/28/01)

FEET, SHEER SOCKS, ANYONE OUT THERE?

Attractive Latino, 34, S'11, 190, dark features, Virgo, size 12 shoe, n/s, n/d would like to meet Latino, Whites or Asians into same fetish. N/s, n/d only, under 38, no games, senous

SGWM SGWM
Green eyes, brown hair, 175 6',
40, versatile, masculine, smoker, brew skies, Santa Rosa
area seeks same 35-50. Good
times/outings. Prefer
Italian/Mediterranean you? **≈**69\$5 (03/28/01)



EBUNT AND IVORY
SWM, 43, decent, honest,
open, passionate, professional,
creative ISO special S8F 27-43,
eclectic, romantic, kind, forthright, attractive, fit for adventure and romance.

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Guana Mnections

by andrea nemerson

# Permanent record

I have a reverse stereotype question for you. I'm a man who would like to wait a little longer before going to bed with a woman I'm interested in for a long-term relationship.

It's been my experience that relationships that begin with sex on the 2nd or 3rd date haven't been as fulfilling or lasted as long as relationships where sex didn't happen till the 7th, 8th, or 10th date — or even longer. And the sex was always better, too! But I find it difficult as a man to put someone off if I'm attracted to her and she seems interested in going to bed early on. I fear that if I say, "No," or "Let's wait," the opportunity will pass by permanently.

So my question is this: If I'm in a kissing and mild-petting situation after two or three dates, and the green light is being flashed, how do I exercise patience without seeming hesitant or unsure of myself? It was not for nothing that Homer said, he who hesitates is lost.

Hesitation Blues

Dear Blues:

Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius. Disraeli said that, but surely that hesitation thing couldn't really be Homer, could it? Nagged by a vague memory and convinced that it must have been Sheridan, Spenser, or some other halfremembered fragment of underdone potato from freshman English lit, I looked it up. Closer by a millennium or two, but still wrong: it's from Joseph Addison's Cato (1713), and it actually goes, "The woman that deliberates is lost." It has morphed a bit over time. Who knew? Who cared? Should I answer your question now?

You can avoid seeming unsure of yourself by acting, well, self-assured. Go ahead and tell her that you lust for her madly but find it ever so much more erotic and romantic to build up to the big moment. There's a very good chance that she will find your self-control chivalrous and manly, although you must play this part rather carefully. Jumping up and running away as soon as the petting gets heavy will not come off as gentlemanly or anything of the kind. It will only seem weird and somewhat suspect, as though you were wearing fishnets and garters under your trousers and didn't want her to know.

Similarly, the suspense that you're trying to build is more of the "when" than the "if" type, and you are thus under no obligation to pretend that you're not simply putting off the inevitable. Even a woman who can be charmed by a temporary display of temperance will be dismayed to find herself pushed away night after night with no explanation. Even worse, she will assume the problem lies with her and start blaming your hesitation on her cellulite or something. Do not put her through this. Explain yourself. Be sure to emphasize her beauty and sexual magnetism and your struggle to keep from simply throwing her to the restaurant floor and having her right there. Problem solved. Having clued her in, you are now free to take as long as you like. Almost. What's romantic and enticing during weeks three, four, and five may begin to pall as time goes on, at least for her. Your desire to wait "a little" longer and your honorable intentions toward the lady are all very admirable, but 10 dates might be pushing it.

Andrea

Dear Andrea:

While traveling recently, I was introduced to a fine, brilliant lady. There was no instant chemistry, but I'm intrigued because of the trust and longevity of friendship that we've both enjoyed with the mutual friends who introduced us. Any pointers on how she and I might get to know each other better at a distance?

Long Distance Runner

If you really want to impress her, write her a real, paper letter. This will establish you as sincere and just eccentric enough to be interesting. After that, get in the e-mail or instant-messaging habit like everybody else. Electronic communication works. It's free, it's fast, and it can make it possible to build something that, if it isn't precisely intimacy, can come awfully close. Deep friendships have been built this way. Marriages have been proposed. This sort of thing becomes a bit pathetic or more than slightly creepy when the participants never see so much as a verifiable picture of their imaginary friends, but you two have already established yourselves as real, live humans, which is an excellent start.

Love, Andrea :

A new, full-length, alt.sex.column appears at noon each Friday on sfbg.com. You can reach Andrea at alt.sex.column, Bay Guardian, 520 Hampshire St., S.F., CA 94110; askme@sirius.com; or www.sfbg.com/asc.

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9 INCHES AND HANDSOME
Handsome, intelligent, secure
SWPM, 32. Seeks sexy, playmate to explore friendship with
benefits relationship. No
games, just great sex. 6524 (02/07/01)

ADD IT UP
You prefer "Run Lola Run" to
"Home Alone." (+1.5)
Rome Alone." (+20)
You prefer chicken pox to Sunday
cafe breakfast. (-7) You prefer museums to laundramats. (+6).

You'd rather spend time in Liver-more than Asia. (-30) You'd rather be in Europe than the mall. (+20) That Ben Stiller is hilanous. (+20)

That Ben Stiller is hilanous. (+20)
"The Metrx" was pretty cool. (+8)
President Bush is pretty cool. (+8)
President Bush is pretty cool. (+30)
Reading books is hard. (+9)
You love to laugh. (+23)

You're ellip and attractive (+25) You prefer 6'2", 225 lb., average looking men. (+20)
If you get a high number, give me a call.

**☎**6920 (03/28/01)

Handsome Harvard gentlema seeks buxom, busty belle, 45 60 for friendship, fun and ro-

A CHANCE MEETING

**☎**6835 (02/28/01)

**≈**6830 (02/28/01)

Tesas (12/28/01)
INSIGHTFUL, EDUCATED
38 y.o. White male, tall, attractive ESL seeking internally rich younger female to join venture in exploring the pleasures and realities of this interesting

**☎**6847 (02/28/01)

**5**6794 (02/28/01)

SWM, 49, healthy, athletic, millionaire ISO female any age, race for trips, dinners, good

HANDSOME HUNK

(quality DWM, 51, fit, with gre assets) seeks happy, depend able, very busty, kind, shapel **≖**6801 (02/28/01)

singles scene? Handsome 32 year old SWPM, who enjoys life seeks attractive SWPF for possible LTR.

**☎**6846 (02/28/01)

Tail, lanky, blonde German, 50s, gentle, loving, versatile, spirtual, handsome, kind, seeks pretty, slender, unconventional Asian female for joy ous relationship. Letter Phote P0B 1329, Pt. Reyes, 94956

# AD OF



# **UNAPPRECIATED?**

wanted by literate warn-heart-ed, funny, adventurous, youth-ful 40ish DWM: Bright, solidin-independent 30ish woman with own sense of style, who de-sires a rich, full relationship. Kids OK.

☎6850 (02/28/01)

SWM, 61, 5'11", 200 lbs., wear dentures, retired blue collar, seeks 55+ femme/casual lady. Enjoy home, TV, travel, comfort food and conversation. Hirsute a plus. **5**6738 (02/28/01)

**OUTY IN A CLAM SHELL!** 

# **POLYGLOT** GLOBETROTTER

SPARKLING LITERARY SPARKLING LITERARY female wanted, 50-60, as bright, funny, beautiful, passionate, spiritual, naughty as Annie Lamont. I'm handsome (Hemingway), tall, fit, great American novel finished.

CARPE DIEM

Synergetic renaissance man "40 something" seeks "Oark angel", 25+ for adventure an serenity. All flavors welcome. Mixed

Male hoofer seeks female counterpart to recreate some of those Fred and Ginger routines. I'm 5'8", also a well trained ballroom dancer. 8ig bonus for musical theater or Art-Deco. 8uff. \$\tilde{9}8 (02/28/01)\$

PUNK ROCK

# **PORN WRITER**

ISO sick, deprayed life partner. Be beautiful, debauched, intelli-gent, strange, into all trans-gressions and apocalypse cul-ture-let's burn! #6853 (02/28/01)

HARLEY RIDER

smart, open-minded, uninled and willing to take part my work and play- as well understand my lifestyle.

•6815 (02/28/01)

**□**6845 (02/28/01)

### 502/28/01

### 5TRONG LOVE

Lowing, emotional yet in-control passionate European professional man, never angry and nobody's fool, laughs easily, solves problems, in-shape seeks long haired, petite(ish) woman, 20-30s.

#### 502/28/01

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Professional SWM, athletic, ed ucated, financially secure ISO s or married F any age, race, no fat please BF preferred.

••6812 (02/28/01)

# SEEKING HORNY OLDER

WOMAN
Have you forgotten what it's
like to have a man worship you
pussy? Clean mature WM with
skilled tongue will bring back **☆**6836 (02/28/01)

DWPM, 34, looking for friend-ship and possibly more. 5'5", 165 lbs. (working on that). En-joys books, movies, working out. **□**6779 (02/28/01)

SHARE
THE JOURNEY?
Tit, dashing, SWM, 40 seeking sophisticated, attractive, unconventional lady, 30s, into great music and world travel, shared attributes: a healthy body, keen mind and adventurous spint. Be on a path, curious, passionate about life, and loving it!

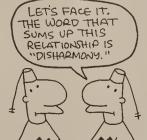
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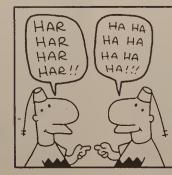
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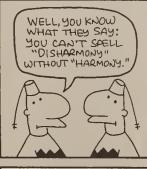
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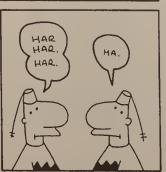


















YIN SEEKS YANG Macabre, complex, eccentric, adventurous SM seeks likeminded SAF 24-32 to take on what life throws at us. Waiting. \$\pi 6769 (02/28/01)\$

YOU WANTED MED. GIBSON
But you might settle for this
one. Your dad might approve,
your mom might behoove...you
to check me out! WM, 39, slim, needs a solid companie 6842 (02/28/01)

GYPSY LATINO
43 year old handsome, tall, dark Peruvian man wants you for all the wrong reasons. I am fun and have a great sense of humor. Hasta La Vista! **☎**6831 (02/28/01)

SEEUING WOMAN
Understanding, open-minded for LTR with 50 year SWM, heterosexual cross dresser, S F, left wing, progressive, sense of humor. N/s, N/dr.

26608 (02/07/01)

I WON'T BREAK IT
Me: 50, Black, founder nonprof
it chanty, smart, funny, honest.
You: Black, shy, passive, financially secure. #6939 (03/2B/01)

Western Washington guy seeks reasonably slim WF, 30s-40s for quiet times. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlit nights and cuddling. Write: P.O. Box 1052, Port Orchard, WA 98366. /-**☎**6856 (02/28/01)

LARGE BREASTED

companion sought by handsome doctor. Be bright, verbal, affectionate, thin boned. Me, very handsome, 45, 175 lbs., 31 inch waist, ready to go!

≈6795 (02/28/01)

SAGITTARUS RISING
Taurus, 6', 175 lbs., 33, reliable, successful, bight and healthy with gorgeous blue eyes seeks charming, wild and orignal woman who likes animals, traveling, film and fitness! #6834 (02/28/01)

420 COWBOY

Looking for a Chronic Girl who likes the outdoors activities and some indoor fun - talking, working out and massages. Hoping for a genuine frendship. Write me. Attr. SFB Connections/\*
\*\*Chronic Cowboy\*\* /s#6750 (02/28/01)

CAN 750 (02/28/01)
CAN YOU HANDLE us both? BM 50, Mid-Eastern,
44. How many orgasms can you stand before your knees shake and you can't stand ever more. You're speechless, but your smile is never ending. You are over 25, and W or H professional.

#6782 (00/28/01)

WHERE CAN YOU BE?

#6536 (02/07/01)
\$WM, 38, OrPIMISTIC
Outgoing with kind heart and
good sense of humor seeks
happy, thoughtful woman for nature, travel, shared vision and
growing old together.
#6770 (02/28/01)

88W with style an substance desired for intimacy and more, by attractive, clean-cut, nice, spirtual, sophisticated, Persian-born White male, 44 with MA and MBA degrees.

### 5679 (02/28/01)

\*\*SEEKING ASJAN FEMALE

SWPM, handsome, 34, dark
hair/green eyes, 6'1", 175, healthy, loving, caring, many interests, dining, arts, nature, music, seeking AF, attractive, 18-28, good morals, never maned, for meaningful friendship, possibly more in the future.

\*\*\*TES\*\* (0.7.98/01) #6768 (02/28/01)

#6768 (02/28/01)
NO SHORTS, NO SHORT
skirts ever. Never married,
young at heart WM with many
interests would cherish the consistent modesty of a woman for
all seasons. Asian a plus.
#6822 (02/28/01)

m6822 (02/28/01)

one Woman Man

Handsome DBM, educated,
nonsmoking, 50 years old,
6'3", 225 lbs, seeks woman of
any race, 40-50 years for possible long term relationship likes
fishing, reading, animals,
movies, outdoors, quiet
evenings at home.

m6784 (02/28/01)

# **BUN-WARMING**

SPANKING
If you have an irresistible urge
to get spanked- hello. I'm safe
experienced, and very good at
warming your bottom. Call me.

\$\pi6766 (02/28/01)\$

Male 37, Indian/Italian, seek-ing female of same race, I am 5'11", 150, salt and pepper hair/brown eyes, I like horses, cats, long walks and looking for someone with same interests. <del>2</del>6785 (02/28/01)

Buxom, attractive, kind, career oriented, under 48 for handsome, muscular, funny, intelligent 48 year old SPJM.

#6806 (02/28/01)

# HELLO

Nice, attractive SWM, 28 seeks same in girl of like mind to ... Open to LTR. **≈**6791 (02/28/01)

MEOW?
Tomcat, 26 seeks pussycat 21
31. I'm cute, fit, fun, great tail, pretty eyes. Value personality over breed. Let's go out and get some friskies. Meow? #6741 (02/28/01)

### 5741 (02/28/01)
### Film Russan Princess!
### Tall, casual, romantic, professional SWM, 45, seeks intelligent, attractive, passionate Russian Woman with values and healthy lifestyle mystery and magic.

#6921 (03/28/01)

TYNAMIC SWM
Handsome, intelligent, well-educated, chainsmatic, athletic, sexually attractive, humble, humorous, intense young man seeks female counterpart for friendship and good times.

STRIP FOR ME, WOMAN You have exquisite taste in In-gerie my dear. Reveal it to me slowly. Know that you are ap-preciated, God you're sexy. Se what you d tome? You may have to strip me too. Only fair

**☎**6925 (03/28/01)

OLDER WOMAN SWM, 5'10", 150 lbs., 45, ISO older lady for LTR, age open. Must be sincere and affection-

±6940 (03/28/01)

#6940 (03/28/01)
OUTDOORS WOMAN WANTED
OWM, 44 ISO companion for
outdoor adventures, movies,
etc., to enjoy life with. I'm spontaneous, independent, easygoing, adventurous. Seeking a
woman who is ready for a downto-earth nice guy.
#6951 (03/28/01)

EXPERIENCED DADDY LOVES his good girl. Seeking friend/love. I'm 44, 6'1", fit, European. Be tall, in shape, happy, smart and loving. Roleplay is fun!

<del>2</del>6950 (03/28/01) 76950 (03/28/01)
30 YEAR OLD PROFESSIONAL
White male, 5'11', dark hair,
green eyes, seeking a female(s)
for mutually beneficial encounters. Please be height/weight
proportionate and open.

**≈**6944 (03/28/01)



Fit, friendly, attractive, healthy, PWC, 40s, seeks same for friendship and errotic adventures. Must be happy with each other and life, secure, genuine and considerate.

**☎**6790 (02/28/01)

MWF, 30's, seeks black gentle-man for oral adventures. My husband would be present (watch only). Be height/weight proportionate, and leave real phone number. 76918 (03/28/01)

ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER FEMALE brunette 27, looking for two bi guys for a three way. You: tall, toned, clean-shaven, stylish. Possible ongoing, let's meet for dinks.

VIDEO THRILLS! Experienced, skilled, discreet cameraman seeks females, couples for voyeuristic adventures. Can be generous. Copies for you, Still photos too. Mature, 40+ and full-figured encouraged.

**≈**6781 (02/28/01)

CHARMING INTELLECT
Handsome, in-shape, SWM 27, 6', 160 seeks in-shape WF 8i-/Lesbian couple, 20-30 for playful intimate encounter. Fantasies welcome. #6914 (03/28/01)

#6840 (02/2B/01)

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Obedient lifestyle, submissive SWM 45, 5°10°, 160, seeks strict dominant lady for 80/SM, cross dressing and long term relationship.

03/28/01)

SPANK MY FRIENO Generous WM ISO Dominant F who would love to help me spank my sexy 21 year old friend and watch him cry like a baby.

ANAL DOMINANT

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67B7 (02/28/01)

SPECIALIST

**#**6931 (03/28/01)

PAMPERED MISTRESS

BBW OOM SEEKS WM BOY Mistress Black seeks

<del>2</del>6930 (03/28/01)

6803 (02/28/01)

**☎**6937 (03/28/01)

NICE LOOKING MALE

**FULL CUT** 

Mistress Black seeks submissive, upscale WM slaves to train-lingerie, corset control, leg and foot worship, massage toilet and male thastity training, anal play, worship, big wet party sniffling, worn stockings and bras.

**NYLON PANTIES** 

and pantyhose worn together even under jeans turns me onl. You SWF 30-45, 5'7"+, sexy size 12-18. Me 41, 6'5", 250 lbs., kinda kinky, U.8, tool Possible LTR.

OADDY WITH SUGAR Seeks hot little pussy to put "ice" in, pour champagne on and lick. I'm rich, tall, sexy, 34 SWM. Tease my throbber.

MONEY FOR HONEY 8usy, healthy, good looking male seeks female for special arrangement: any age or race



### 6848 (02/28/01)

DO YOU LIKE MY ORESS?

22 year old TV looking for someone who wants to find out what's really under my skirt. I'm 511, 130lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, legs that go on for ever, ready for some action. Let's have fun!

#### 6584 (02/07/01)

WHERE ARE ALL

the Black TV/TS? Slim SWM, 40 is looking for slim. sexy, passable Black TS/TV for mutu-al enjoyment. I'm sub your dom. dom. =6804 (02/28/01)

DITTY IN A CLAM SHELL

OUTY IN A CLAM SHELL

No dangling prehensile tail on
this 40 year old FTM TS man!
518\*, physically fill, periodically
spiritually fill, 150 princess siter. No rescues needed. Have
great laugh, gentle spirit, be fit,
share interests in garden
sportrameous adventures. N/S,
N/Dr. Sophia Loren a + 1 have
a sexy both of the control of the

±6824 (02/28/01)

LESBAN ISO
FTM for friendship/dating, 40 years old, 5'7", athletic, easygoing, independent, love the outdoors.

=6810 (02/28/01)

FANTASIES FULFILLED
Uninhibited, sexy, red headed
TV temptress seeks a handsome man to please. I'm into
fetish wear, lingene, high heels,
dominant or submissive acts.
Hot, horny, handsome men can
quench my fiery desires!

26403 (1/16/01) FANTASIES FULFILLED

BIRACIAL MALE.

ATTRACTIVE
44 years old, 5'11", 180 lbs.,
in shape, seeks to date a passable TV or TS to age 35.

STRAIGHT EAST BAY
WM sincerely curious would like to meet an attractive TS lady with charm and grace for conversation and perhaps more.



Black mate submissive, mid 30s, single, disease free, see ing dominant female any race who enjoys being orally ser-viced and other safe fantasy **6**797 (02/28/01)

PUNISH ME PLEASE
Looking for a dominant gentleman 60 years plus to spank/whip me. I'm a bad boy, 64, I need an attitude adjustment with the belt.

**BEND OVER** MY KNEES Let your big brother pull your pants down and put you over his knees for a good spanking M or F.

#6772 (02/28/01)

**≈**6221 (02/06/01)

SINCERE, EXPERIENCED MASOCHIST masochist seeks true sadistic female for S&M, B&D, humiliation, animal-ization, degradation. Masochist is 45, White, 6 ft., 180, heavily pierced, branded, tattooed, healthy and willing. **≈**6780 (02/28/01)

Seeking Richmond District warmhearted friends, male/fe-male, gay/straight for coffee, exercise, meditation, co-coun-seling, etc. I'm a young 49, tall, slim, open-minded profession-al, warmhearted.

#6353 (1/16/01)
LUINCH AND CONVERSATION
Men / Women 50+, educated,
professionals, sociable, single.
We'll go to good Chinese 0 im
Sum restaurants in the 8ay
Area once per month and other
activities planned. #5777 (01/31/01)

**≈**6827 (02/28/01)

GERMAN LANGUAGE POTLUCK party meets in S F and East Bay. We are bi and homosexua men. Women are welcome. No smokers.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP meets on Tuesday nights. Seeks intermediate, advanced and native Spanish speakers. No smokers. Leave message for Avatar. **☎**6926 (03/2B/01)

SEAN A.
You had no hair, mine was purple. We hung out around '95.
Really miss you, would like to hook up. Steve L.

MISSED

**☎**6960 (03/28/01) JOAN WHO HIKES
You answered my ad 'NATURE
LOVER' 12/16 but didn't leave
a number where I can reach
you. Please call 8ruce. Thursday, 12/21 Millbrae Safe-way 9 pm. You: tall, dark hair, nice eyes, with father? Me: tall, long brown hair, shopping with my mom! Exchanged glances! Coffee?

<del>2</del>6826 (02/28/01)

# DIGITAL **GET DOWN**

Saw you from across the crowded computer center. You were chatting with a total yahoo! Once you are tired of being one of his many dates, give me a call. Raging.

26771 (02/28/01)

CHRIS- MARTINI GRILLE

Chris, we met in Albuquerque in November. Missed each other at the Sunshine Theatre. I'd like to continue our conversa-tion. Please contact me! Box 7019 **☎**7019 ()

CHRISTINA AT BOAT PARTY? You: Christina, Polish, silver dress, beautiful smile. Me: Saul, blue sunglasses, three shades of brown corduroy. We: Watermelon 8oat Party, New Years. Let's meet again.

DECEMBER 7TH, **ALBERTSONS** 

in Albertsons "San Carlos", 7:30. You: Beautiful Asian girl, Me: tall, European guy, ex-changed with hey! Please re-spond.

**☎**6763 (02/28/01) Minh's Garden and Blue Oanube 12:13-00. You: AF, SWM. We were both with older friends. You asked was I follow ing you. I told you about Chi-nese restaurants. Please call. **☎**6783 (02/28/01)

**BROOKLYN BRONZE** 

Photographer looking for you Call Tommy.

\$\alpha\$6928 (03/28/01)

ROBIN @ DOLORES PARK 12/31. Tall, goatee'd guy en-joyed your sharp mind and warm smile as our kids played. Would like to know more. Cof-

#6943 (03/2B/01

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# **FEMALE ATHLETES**

I am a former college athlete and coach new to Bay Area. Looking to meet other female, gay/strt/bi former athletes for team sports and mutual inter-**☎**6961 (03/28/01)

Reading/discussion group fo-cusing on social justice, human right, and intimate relationships will meet on the first Thursday of each month in SF Beginning 02/01/01. Let's have fun, meet others, and discuss inter-esting ideas. All calls an-swered!

**☎**6946 (03/28/01)

S8F seeking M/F fluent in writ-ten and spoken Spanish to coach me in conversational Spanish while exploring activi-ties and having fun in S F. **2**6713 (02/28/01)



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# **Taurus**

April 20 – May 20

Since I spent last month getting into fights with my Taurean significant other over whether Mel Gibson is an asshole, whether Emerson, Lake, and Palmer sucks, and whether we get into too many stupid fights, I decided to embark on a new career as an argument consultant. I'll watch others quarrel and then offer my own input as to how their performance might have been better. But I might have some serious competition from you this week, as people feel compelled to air their interpersonal issues in your presence.

# Gemini

May 21 - June 20

The other day I decided I was done with astrology and instead wanted to write dreary columns about my expensive home repairs and my quest to find khakis sized properly for the middle-aged. Luckily, it turned out that this was just a weird transit involving alien ideas that rightfully belonged to others suddenly leaping into my brain. You've got one of those scheduled for this week.

# Cancer

June 21 – July 22

It doesn't really matter whether you do something out of spite or to get over romantic disappointment or to sublimate your rage, as long as it gets done, right? Let your emotions (and it really doesn't matter what kind of emotions they are) inspire you to accomplish something.

# Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

Well, it's the 21st century, and all of my friends are either so busy working that I never see them or practicing the more extreme forms of career suicide and self-destruction (in which case I'm not sure I want to see them). Obviously this is because you Leos have been slacking off on your sacred duty to show others how to have a spectacular yet nonlethal good time. Utilize your talent for showbiz this week.

# Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Chances are good that you've recently read something allegedly inspirational somewhere that actually is providing you with more stress than comfort. Acknowledge it. Move on. And for the sake of your sanity, avoid those little paperbacks about the meaning of life that large chain bookstores tend to stack near the

# Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

I can't fathom people who think that slimy, conservative homophobe Mel Gibson is cute, and then there's the cadaverously Caucasian Cameron Diaz, whose appeal also escapes me. But I do know that Librans have expert opinions when it comes to beauty, and this week you will prove it by judging a beauty contest.

# Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 20

Well, since all of the gloom sayers were wrong and the world didn't come to an end, there's really no reason to continue going around wearing black and listening to gloomy music. Especially when you've got such happy Venus and Mars energy. Avoid pointless exercises in nihilism this week.

# Sagittarius

Nov. 21 - Dec. 21

Sometimes it can be difficult to tell the difference between somebody who is really trying to achieve something despite the odds and somebody who just wants you to be a witness to his or her failure. This week you'll be asked to take a chance on a hopeful contender. Evaluate that person's chances carefully before placing vour bet.

# Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Protocol and etiquette are important right now, and they may require you to tell little white lies. This may mean replying, "I'm fine," rather than recounting your saga of the ingrown butt hair or your agonizing dental escapades, or saying, "I'd really rather not discuss politics," instead of detailing your feelings about a few hundred Floridians. Telling it like it is could damage your chances of getting what you want.

# **Aquarius**

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Well, you're caught right between that stupid Mars-Saturn polarity, which is kind of like being pinned in a car wreck and waiting for the jaws of life. But on the other hand you've got this Neptune-Uranus deal on your side, ensuring that the air bag worked properly and you're woundless and that the paramedics will arrive swiftly with large quantities of medication for your post-traumatic stress disorder.

# **Pisces**

Feb. 19 – March 20

Warning: this week is not suitable for little children, the overly sensitive, the kinds of people who want to ban various types of media, ethically challenged Floridians, squares, whiny rich brats, and those who need to have jokes explained to them in detail. Most Pisceans, however, should have a splendid time. \*

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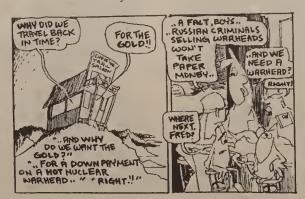
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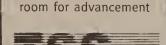
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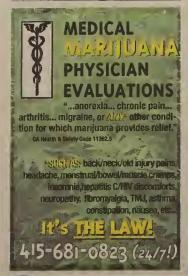
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